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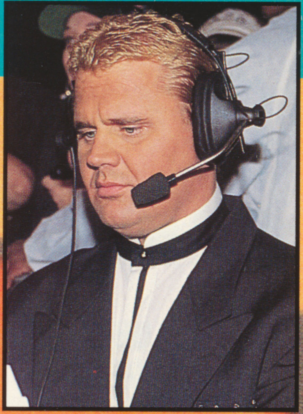

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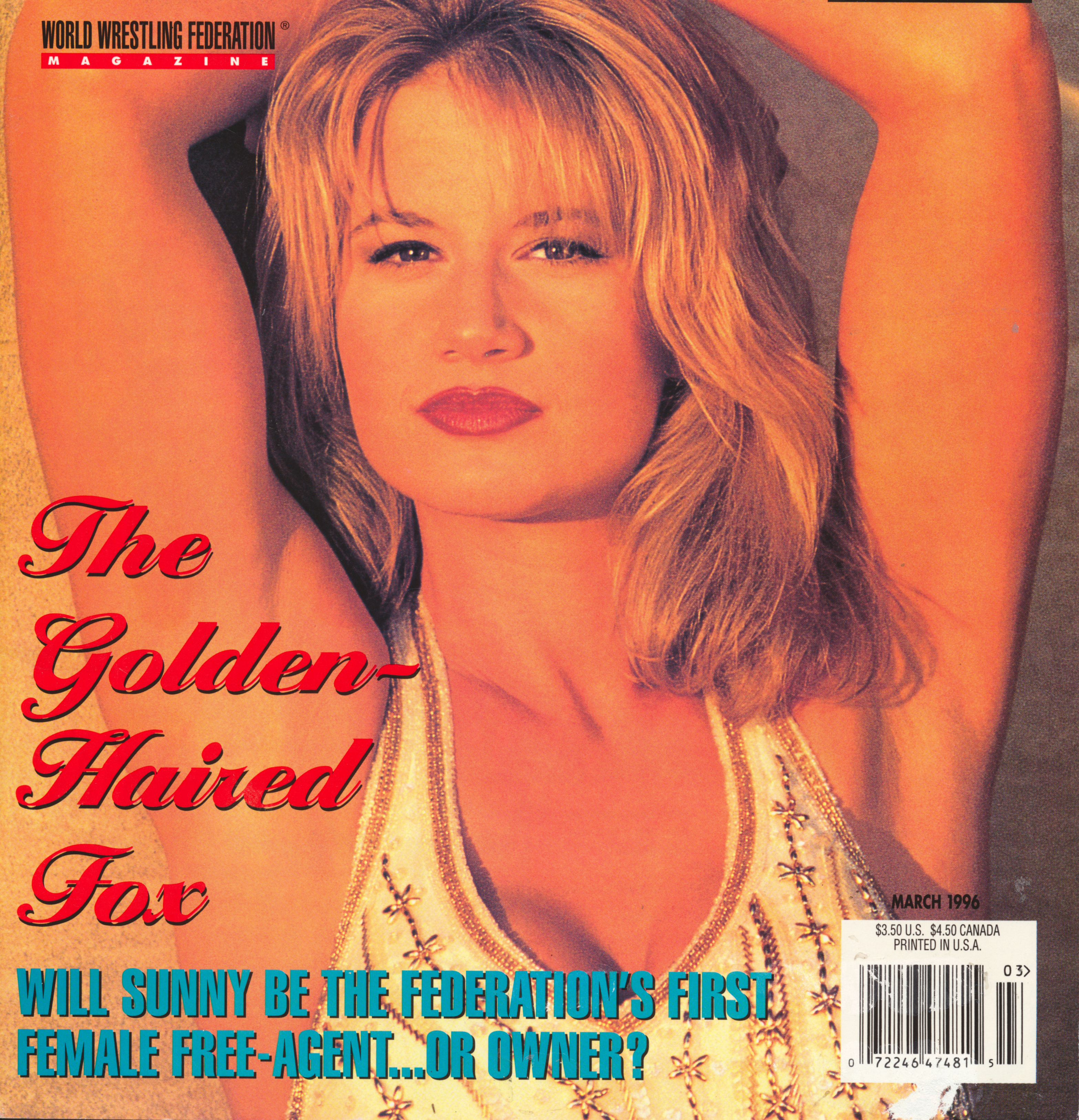

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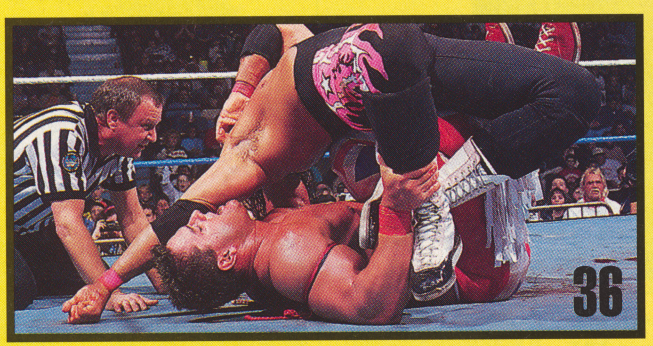

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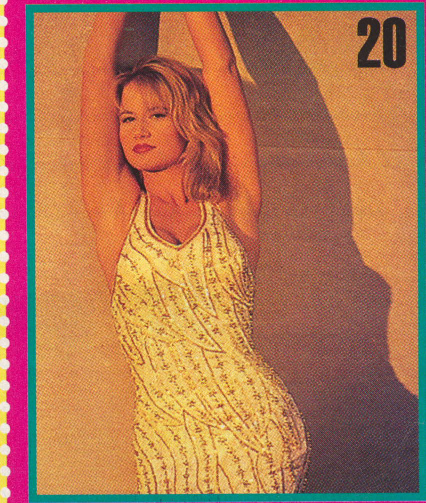

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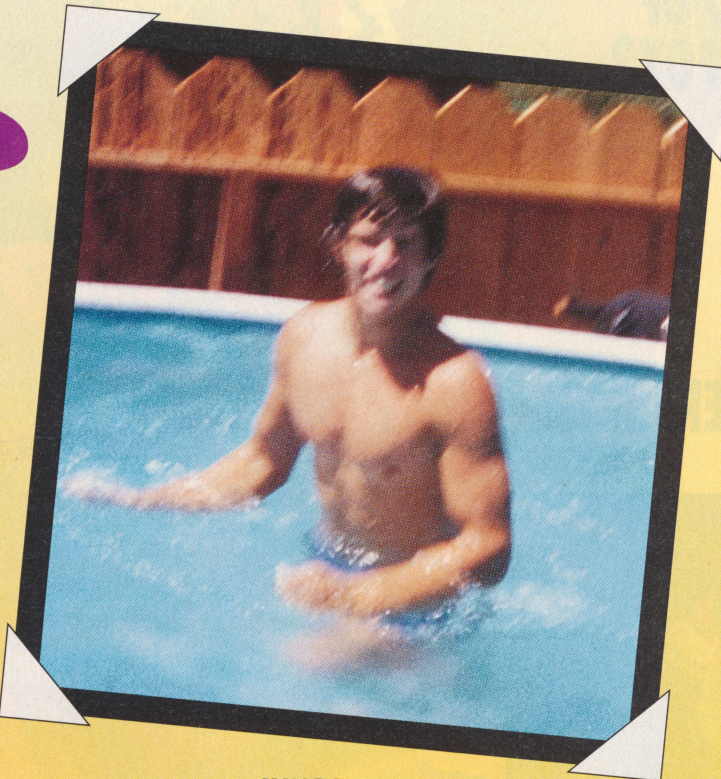
CAN YOU GUESS THE SECRET SUPERSTAR

A warning to all this month's Secret Superstar's daredevil opponents: Don't get caught napping in the ring, or else you'll have your shoulders pinned to the mat before you can say, "On your mark—get ready—get set—go!"



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1. A two-time World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Champion—you won't see this month's Secret Superstar making any pit stops once he steps into the ring and puts it in gear!
2. World Wrestling Federation Magazine once touted this month's Secret Superstar as one of the world's few premier THREE-sport athletes!
3. Talk about mat technicians, this month's Secret Superstar can drag race with the best of them when it comes to showcasing the nuts and bolts of the squared circle!
4. One of this month's Secret Superstar's biggest and most memorable victories came when he left skid marks over a surprised and shocked singing (or did he?) cowboy!

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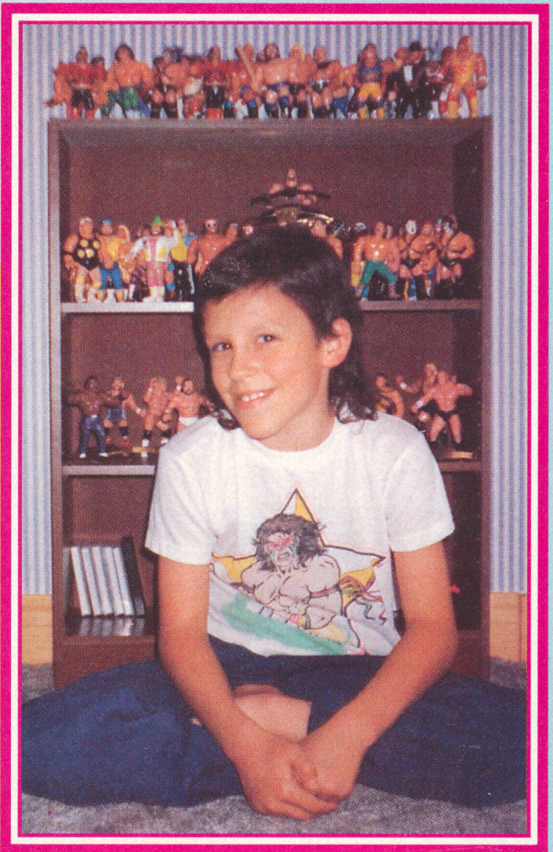

Name: Peter Brown
Age: 9
Hometown: Millville, New Brunswick, Canada
School: Millville Elementary
Grade: Fourth
Future Ambition: To be a Federation superstar
Favorite Federation Superstar: Shawn Michaels, Hunter Hearst-Helmsley and Owen Hart
Least Favorite Federation Superstar: Mr. Bob Backlund and the 1-2-3 Kid
What I like best about the World Wrestling Federation: Live and pay-per-view events, and the superstars take time to give autographs
If I were president of the World Wrestling Federation, I would: Have a special elimination match to determine the "King" of the Kings of the Ring and give the Undertaker a title shot
What I do when I'm not watching the World Wrestling Federation: I pretend I'm a World Wrestling Federation superstar (usually Shawn Michaels) and play Super Nintendo and hockey

Name: Leanne Brown
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Hometown: Millville, New Brunswick, Canada
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Grade: First
Future Ambition: To be a school teacher
Favorite Federation Superstar: Bret Hart and Alundra Blayze
Least Favorite Federation Superstar: Hunter Hearst-Helmsley
What I like best about the World Wrestling Federation: The music and watching live events - I love to cheer!
If I were president of the World Wrestling Federation, I would: Give my family front row seats to all pay-per-view events and let my 9-year-old brother, Peter, wrestle in the Federation
What I do when I'm not watching the World Wrestling Federation: I go to school, play with my friends and go to dance class

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Dear Editor,
I wanted to congratulate you on the January issue of *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*. All in all, it was yet another masterpiece—IN SPITE of the fact that Goldust was on the cover! What gives with this guy? Why does such a gifted athlete feel he has to act, look and dress like MADONNA! Lose the hair, the costume and the attitude, Goldie, and maybe, just maybe, one day people will accept you for what you are—an extremely gifted athlete!

James Dickens
Westbury, NY

Dear James,
Hey, at least you remembered the name! (But before you say it, remember to—INHALE DEEPLY!)

The Editor

Letter:

Dear Editor,
I would just like to congratulate you and Howard Colbert for your work on Scoop Sullivan. I love to read it every month! I especially liked the November and December adventures! My favorite part was when Scoop went to Isaac Yankem D.D.S.'s office, and Yankem gave Scoop the gas—a whiff of Jerry "The King" Lawler's stinky boots! It really made me laugh!

Jeremy Davis
Baltimore, MD

Dear Jeremy,
Howard and I really appreciate your comments. Scoop Sullivan is as much fun for us to create as it is for you to read! LONG LIVE THE SCOOPSTER!

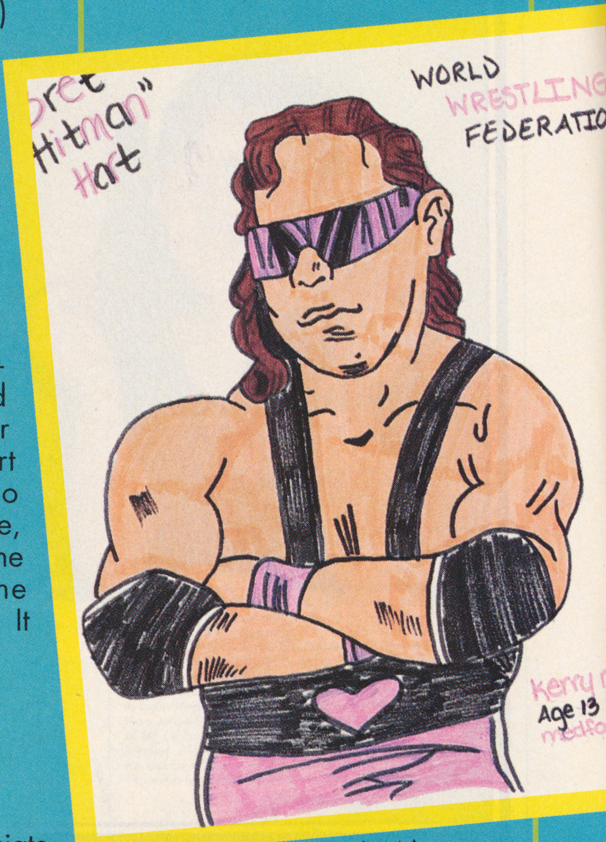
The Editor

Letter:

Dear Editor,
The best match I ever witnessed in the '90s was between Bret Hart and Yokozuna for the World Wrestling Federation Championship at *WrestleMania IX*! What has been the best match you've seen—SO FAR—in the '90s?

Michael Bailey
Midlothian, VA

Dear Michael,
Even though Bret vs.



Kerry Mahoney, Medford, MA

ents, and gossip

INTERACTIN' WITH THE WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

Yoko at *WrestleMania IX* was indeed a classic, I would have to say that in my opinion the greatest match of the '90s—THUS FAR—has to be the ladder match between Razor Ramon and Shawn Michaels at last year's *SummerSlam*! You know what? I might even go as far as to say that it possibly may have been the greatest match—EVER!!!

The Editor

Letter:

Dear Editor,
Who is the Informer? Are you the Informer? Is he a Federation superstar? Is he a Federation official? WHO IS HE?

Joey Valdez
Chino, CA

Dear Joey,
Just who is the Informer? Well, that is a very fair question, Joey. Unfortunately—-I CAN'T TELL YOU! I have been sworn to secrecy to NEVER reveal the Informer's true identity! If I blow his cover, he will no longer be able to bring us the Federation gossip that WE ALL love to read every month! Maybe someday you will learn his secret; however, as for now—SORRY!

E-mail:

Dear Editor,
I really enjoyed your article entitled "An Animal Sighting" in the January issue of *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*. Unfortunately, since I live on the West Coast, I didn't have the opportunity to go and see the legend—and my personal favorite—George "The Animal" Steele during his three-city East Coast comeback. Do you think that George has eaten his last turnbuckle? Or do you think that someday I may get the opportunity to see him again—GREEN TONGUE AND ALL!!

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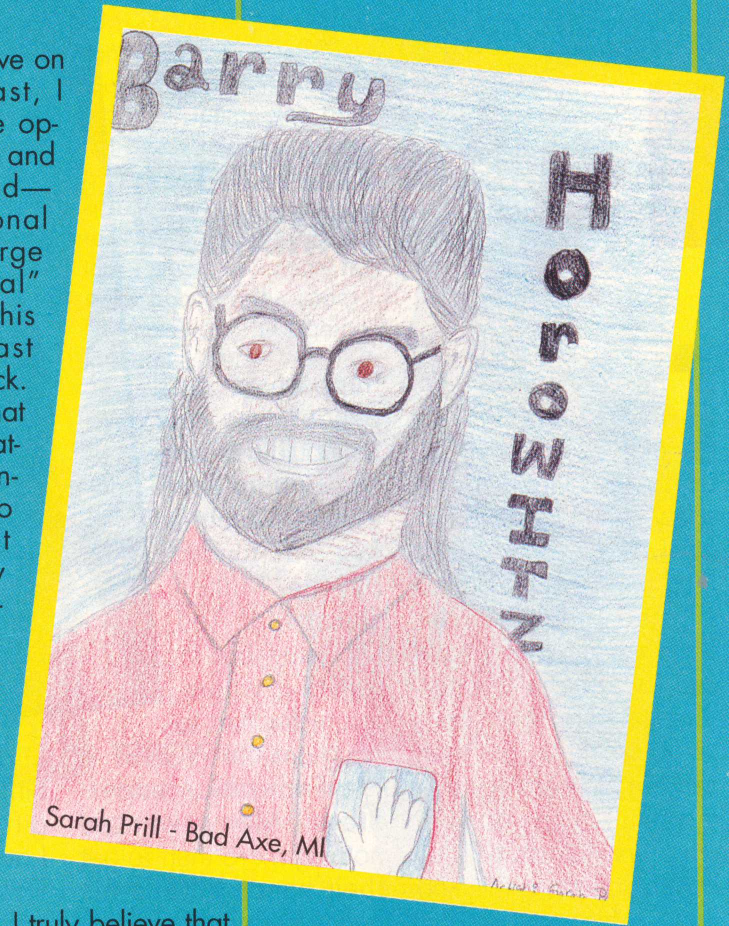
Dear Judge,
If you ask me... I truly believe that someday, somewhere yet even more TURNBUCKLES WILL BE EATEN! I certainly hope so anyway!!!



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Rookies to LEGENDS

HEROES OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

BROTHER LOVE

The year was 1987. Hatred and hostility graffitied the Federation rings like a neon spray can in Harlem! Turmoil and controversy filled the air with a fire so intense that even the devil himself would have had to bathe in Coppertone to keep from getting burned! Ah, but then came a peaceful light. A messiah from above, who was sent to the Federation on a mission that, in his own words, would "spread the word of LOVE." WRONG! In reality, his name was Brother Love, and even though he did "claim" to spread the word of love, this red-faced preacher's words of venom turned out to be nothing more than a smokescreen to hide his selfish, grotesque greed!

"It's a segment of love, happiness and peace" was how he would describe The Brother Love Show—which in fact was funded by the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase—but in reality it was a forum for him to bring out the WORST in the Federation superstars. Many wanted nothing more than to get their hands around his pudgy neck and turn his greedy red face to a more pleasant, "peaceful" shade of blue. However, instigating with mere words wasn't enough for the preacher man with the phony smile. No, he had to get himself involved in the issues that would take place inside the ring! This occurred when at Survivor Series '90, Ted DiBiase gave him with a very special gift... the Undertaker! Love managed the Grim Reaper for a short time before turning him over to his current keeper, Paul Bearer!

Then, sometime in the early '90s, without explanation Brother Love disappeared from the Federation. Where he went or what new mission he was on, no one knew. Unfortunately, just when we thought it was safe to "feel the love" once again, out of nowhere he has made his Federation return! Why has he come back, and what does he have in store for those willing to listen? Only time will tell, but for now he just wants us to remember his immortal words—"I LOOOOVE YOUUU!" WF

Superstar:
BROTHER LOVE
Height: 6'
Weight: 255 lbs.
Hometown:
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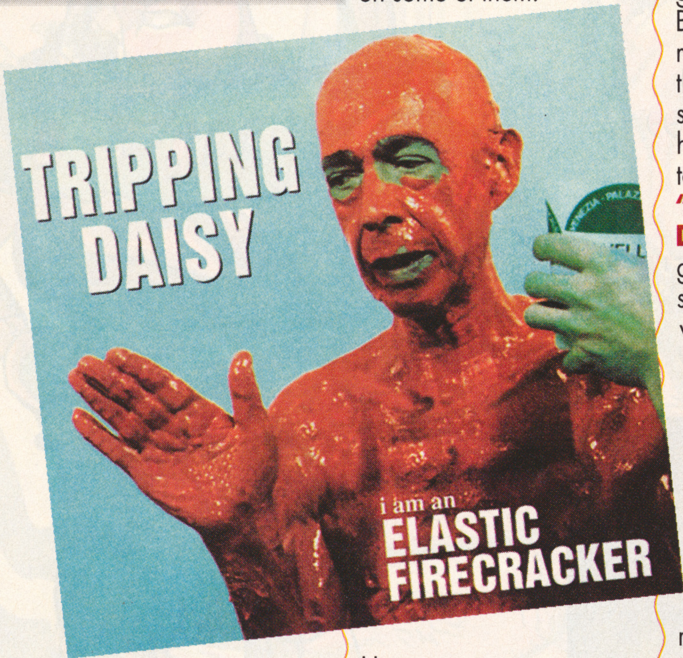
THAT'S ENTERTAIN MAT

RAD RADFORD'S MUSIC MOSH



Album Review

Believe it, or not, on the Radmeister Scale of 1-10, I give Tripping Daisy's *I Am an Elastic Firecracker* an 8 1/2! Rad likes meaning—coffee-house-written music—and this is it!

Every song on this album tells a story, from the opening "Rocket Pop," which is a song about a childhood friend, to the final cut on the album, "High," every track has its own tale to tell. At times, many of these songs even sound like old Beatle tracks! Yeah, the Beatles—REMEMBER THEM? Four Rad Radford wannabes from Liverpool! Anyway, rather than go into a heavy soliloquy regarding these tunes—because I'm WAY too deep for ANY of you mindless idiots out there to understand—so I'll just give you the basic "grime" on some of them.

Here goes:

"I GOT A GIRL"—This is a primo song about some dude and his relationship with his girlfriend. This tune is nicely sung and, in my opinion, one of the best tracks on the CD. Ironically, since I just dumped the latest "Rad Radford hanger-oner," I'd like to dedicate this song to her. No hard feelings, honey, BUT the pleasure WAS really all yours!

"PIRANHA"—Another one of my favorites. I try extremely hard to be humble, but this song kinda did remind me of myself a little. You know, the big fish in the pond that eats everybody up, then nonchalantly spits them out! Yeah, that's me!

"MOTIVATION"—This song sends a rather lifting message. It tells you to ward off temptation and not do things you may regret later. It's a hot song. Barry Horowitz should really be able to relate to this. I mean, every time he steps between the ropes, he knows that he's going to regret it later!

"SAME DRESS, NEW DAY"—A major, groovy tune! This song tells about a woman who denies love. You know, kinda like Alundra Blayze, but on the other hand, you're right! How can she deny something that she's never had?

I mean, who in their right mind would love that she-beast?

"RAINDROP"—Very upbeat cut! It deals with being insecure. This tune could very well be called "The Hit Man's Anthem!"

"HIGH"—A deep, deep song. The perfect ending to a great album! This song has to be about either God. . . or me! Bottom line, I love Tripping Daisy's *I Am an Elastic Firecracker*! It represents "real" music—REAL GRUNGE! I know all you terrible tots out there will like it too, because my little sis Tina was the one who recommended it to me! Until next month! RAD RULZ, and I STILL LOVE YOU, COURTNEY!

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JERRY "THE KING" LAWLER'S MOVIE REVIEW

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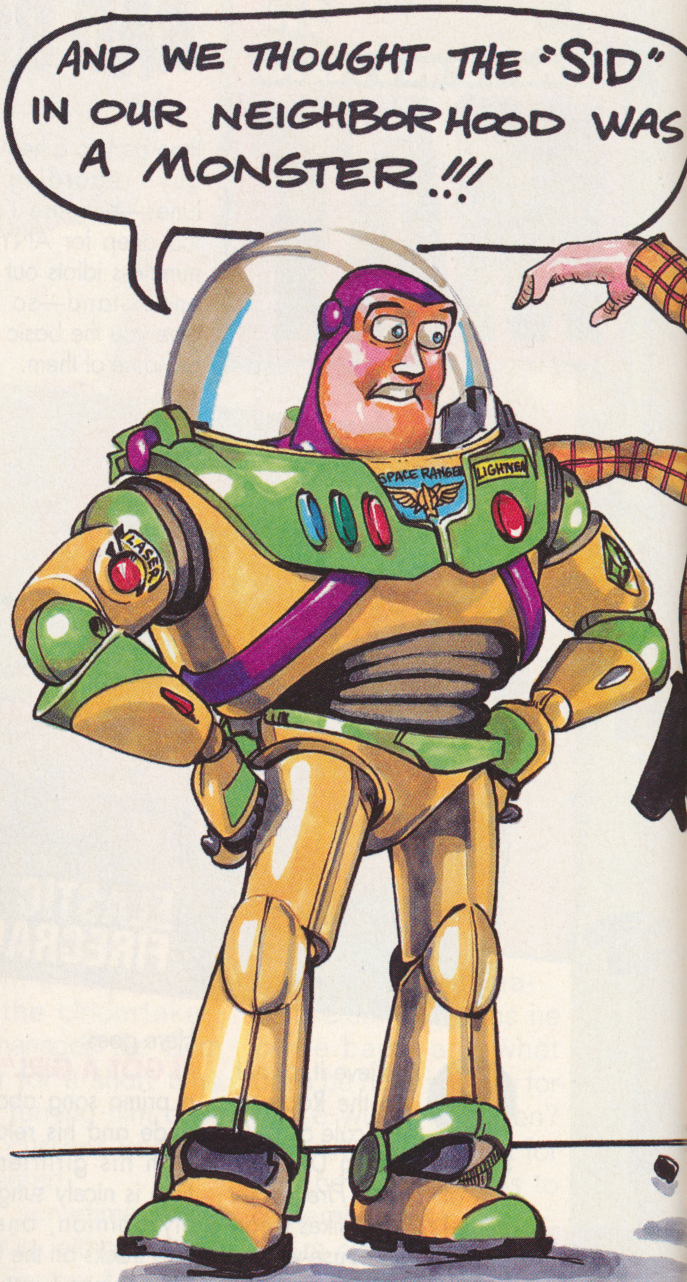
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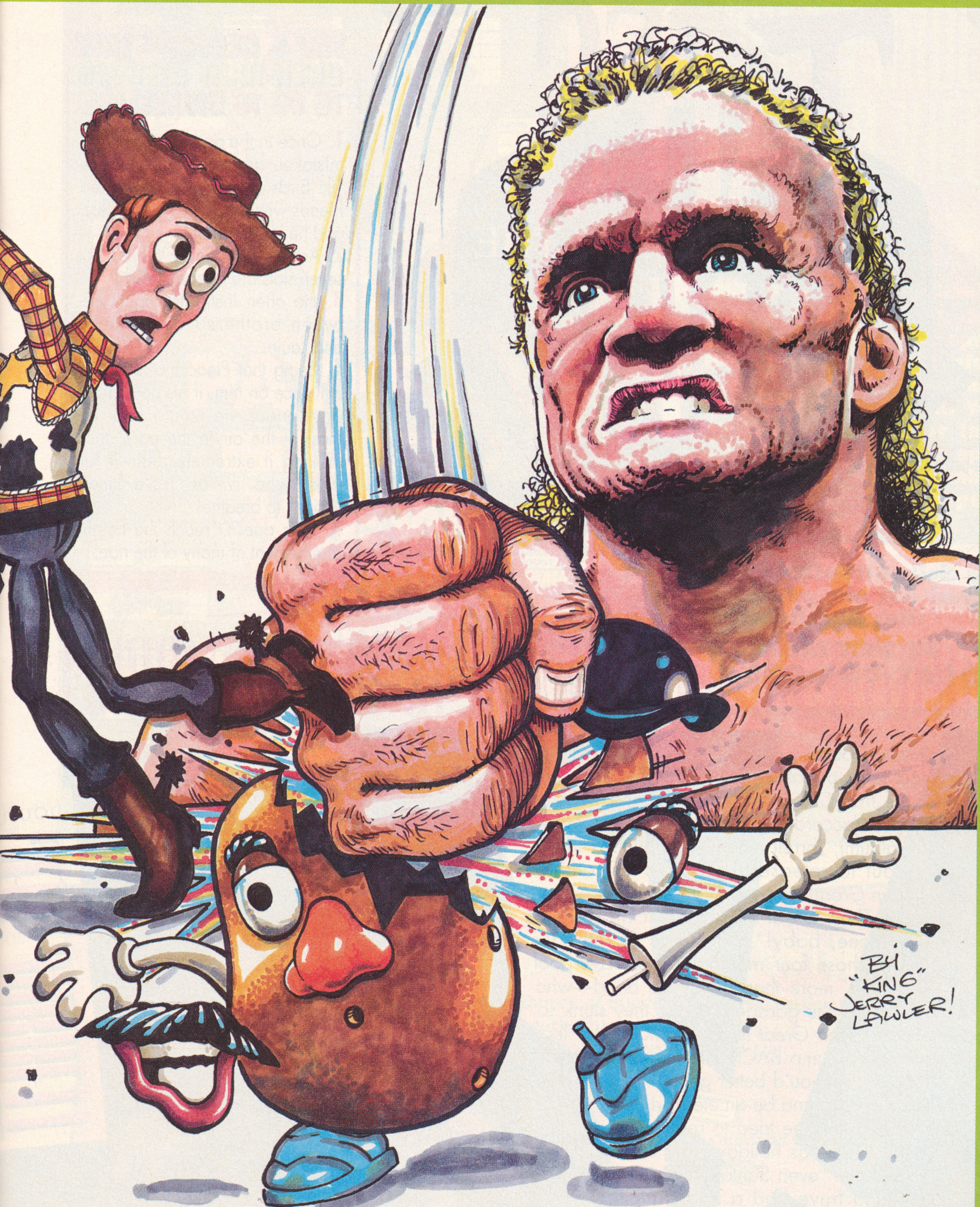
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TALES FROM THE TURNBUCKLE

All You Need To Know

TOP 5 REASONS WHY OWEN HART REFUSES TO GO TO DISNEYLAND

1. Once in the park, he often gets mistaken as being one of those Tiki Birds (our colorful, feathered friends with the VERY long beaks), and he HATES that!

2. According to Snow White, "All seven slots are already filled."

3. He often instigates fights between brothers Huey, Dewey and Louie.

4. Being that Pinocchio is a bad influence on him, if his nose grew any longer, he would suck up most of the air in the park, thus making it extremely difficult for those who live in "It's a Small World" to breathe!

5. He's doesn't reach the height requirement of many of the rides!

"GREATER THAN GREAT" SET TO HIT THE MARKET

According to Double J Jeff Jarrett, the music industry is "just about set to be rattled in their boots once again!"

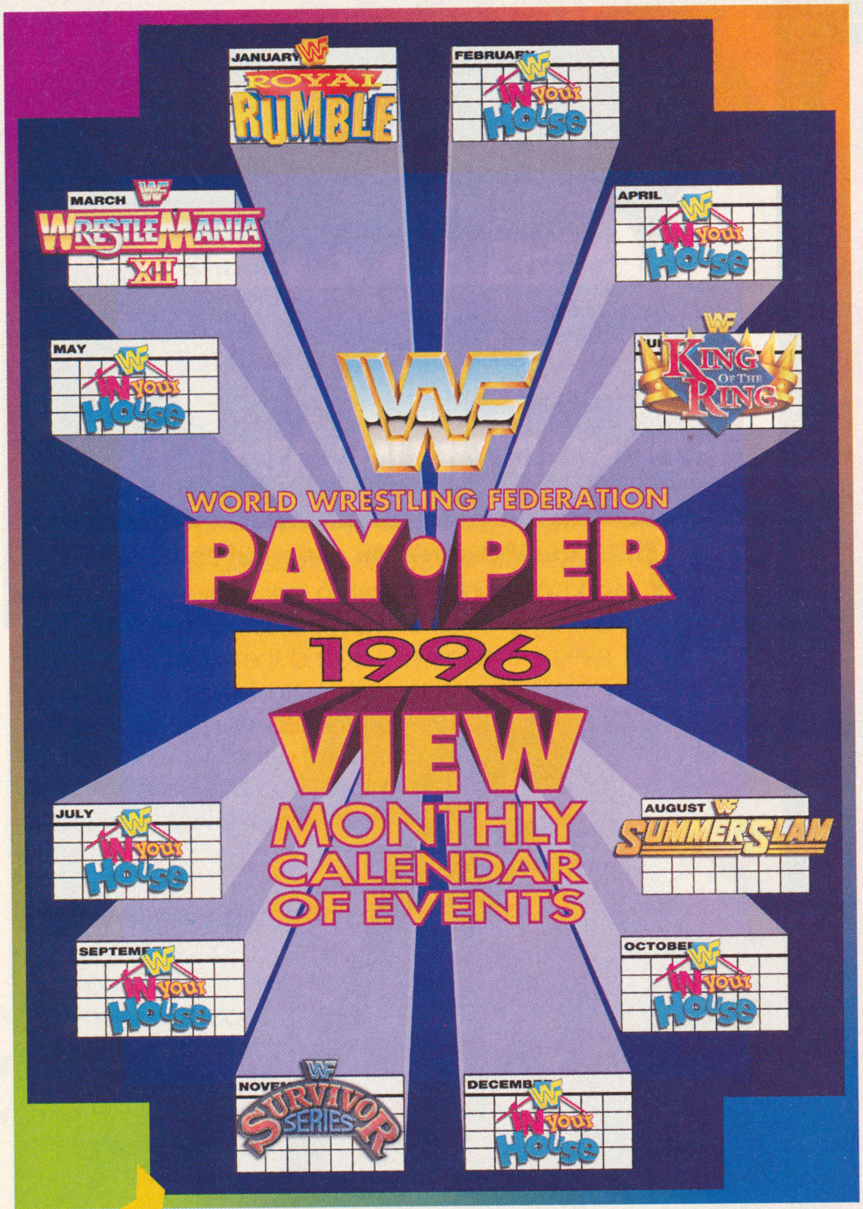
With his first CD *Ain't I Great* selling over one million copies (according to him, we STILL can't even FIND the album), Jarrett recently announced that he is just about to release his second CD entitled *Greater Than Great*!

"*Greater Than Great* is gonna set all kinds of records, Vincee, baby!" exclaimed Jarrett. "It's gonna make those four mopheads from Liverpool look like nothin' more than a garage band—who got kicked out of the garage because they stunk so bad! *Greater Than Great* is gonna make Hot Tea and his Blowfish jump BACK into the ocean! I tell you, Vincee baby, you'd better get in line now, because the wait is gonna be an eternity!"

Jarrett claims that he tried to release the CD in time for the Christmas holidays, but the demand was so great that "even Santa's little pointy-eared helpers would have had a heart attack from being overworked!"

Greater Than Great? We shall see.

DOUBLE J
JEFF JARRETT
GREATER THAN GREAT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11th–San Antonio, TX

Quote of the Month

"Does my Undertaker like ice cream? Ohhh, yesss! He loves it. It's so cold and hard! As a matter of fact, his favorite flavor is Cream and Cremains, OHHH YESSS!"—Paul Bearer

GOLDUST

IS HE SMARTER THAN WE ALL THINK?

Whenever conversation comes up concerning the World Wrestling Federation these days, it seems that the first word out of everybody's mouth is GOLDUST. It seems that people around the world are intrigued by him, especially since he became—shall we say—infatuated with Razor Ramon. Now, don't get me wrong, not everybody is hopping in the same balcony as Goldust! As a matter of fact, many have become rather offended by his "questionable" remarks and gestures. Some have even gone as far as to complain to TitanSports directly about his actions!

Now, before any protest marches begin and people STOP going to the movies altogether, let me let you in on a little secret. One two occasions, I have interviewed Goldust at length, and on both occasions he was nothing but a true gentleman. In my opinion, this could mean only one of two things: 1) either I wasn't his type or 2) he is using a twisted form of psychology on his opponents! Is it possible that Goldust may be more intelligent than we think and he is actually using the homophobic fear of others against them?

Think about it.

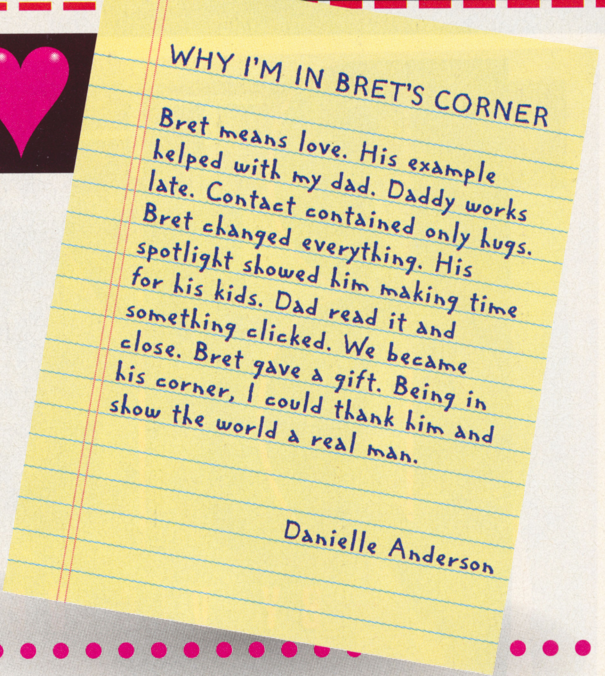
YOU DON'T SAY

Growing up in Columbus, Georgia, Marty Jannetty had aspirations of becoming NOT a professional wrestler but a professional boxer! His idol? None other than the great Muhammad Ali!

IN THE HIT MAN'S CORNER♥

Congratulations to 15-year-old Danielle Anderson of Stanhope, New Jersey, who won the "Why I Should Be in Bret's Corner" Contest. Danielle's touching letter (which is shown here) was chosen out of over 5,000 entries, thus earning her a trip to an upcoming World Wrestling Federation event where she will not only get to be in her hero's corner, but Bret will personally present her with the leather jacket that he wore at WrestleMania XII!

WAY TO GO, DANIELLE!

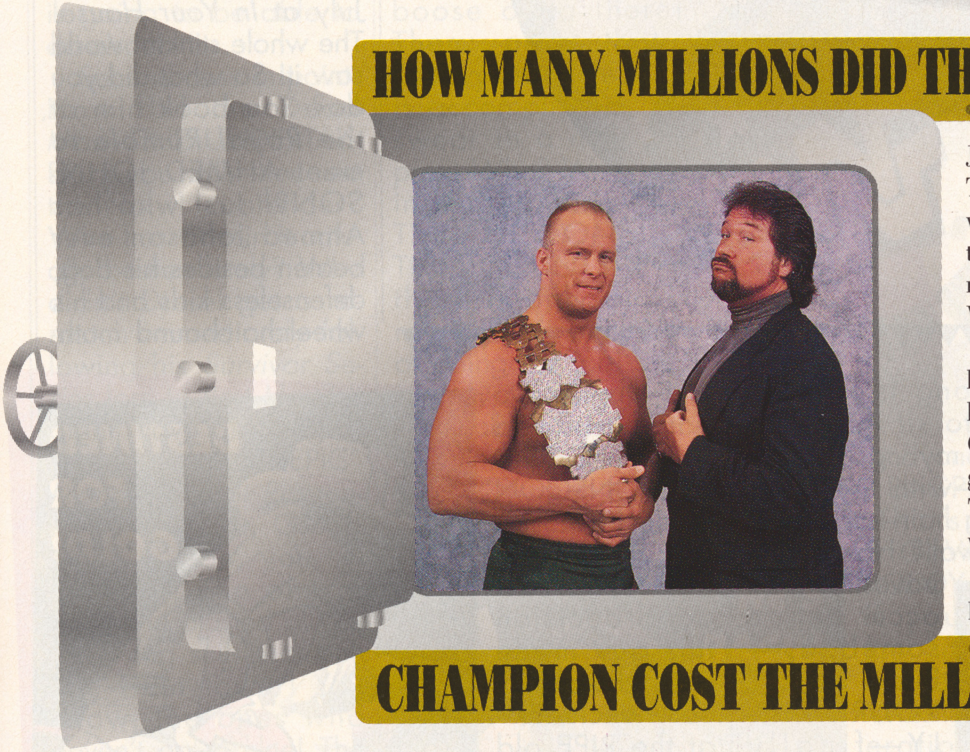


WHY I'M IN BRET'S CORNER

Bret means love. His example helped with my dad. Daddy works late. Contact contained only hugs. Bret changed everything. His spotlight showed him making time for his kids. Dad read it and something clicked. We became close. Bret gave a gift. Being in his corner, I could thank him and show the world a real man.

Danielle Anderson

HOW MANY MILLIONS DID THE MILLION DOLLAR CHAMPION COST THE MILLION DOLLAR MAN?



Just how much did the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase shell out to purchase the services of Ringmaster Steve Austin? Insiders tell us that it may very well have been the most lucrative contract in the history of the World Wrestling Federation!

"That's right, I opened up the vault!" boasted DiBiase. "I wanted the one guy who best exemplifies what the Million Dollar Champion should represent. From the get-go I knew he wasn't going to come cheap! This is sports-entertainment of the '90s; you want to play, then you've got to pay!"

Will the dividends pay off for bottomless pockets Ted? Stay tuned!

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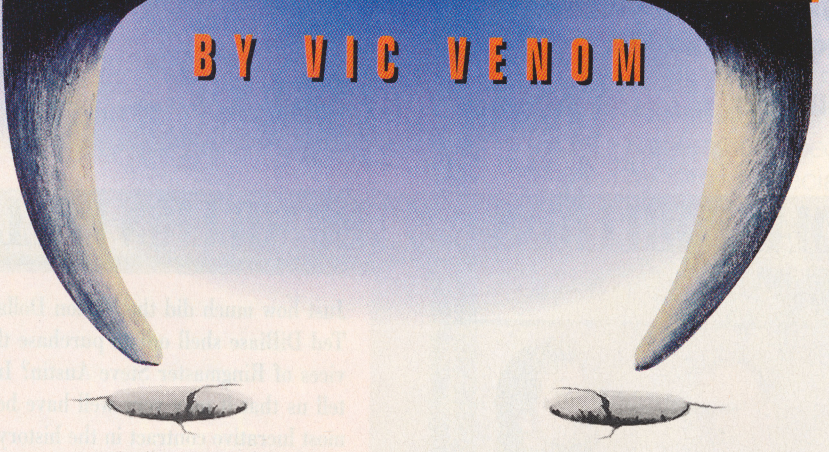
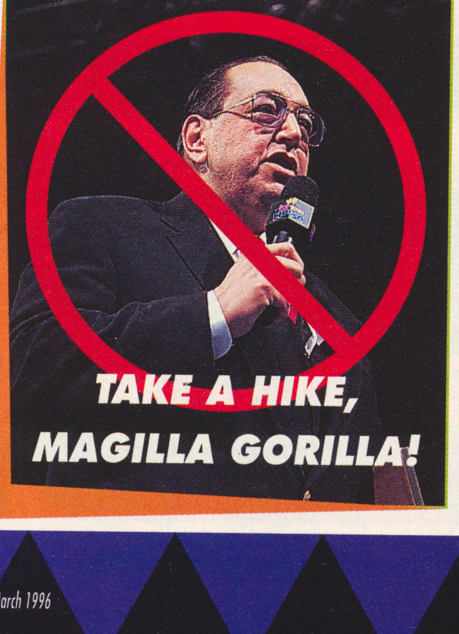


BY VIC VENOM

For exactly how long do I have to SCREAMMMMMM?!!! For exactly how long is it that I have to sit here and beat my gorgeous head—with the long, flowing hair—against a brick wall? How many travesties must occur before somebody—BESIDES YOURS TRULY—finally stands up and states, "GET THAT OBESE, UNEDUCATED, HAVEN'T-GOTTA-CLUE CHIMP THE HECK OUTTA OFFICE!"

You want it plain and simple? I'll give it to you plain and simple—GORILLA MONSOON is the PITS! You got that? THE PITS! The last good decision this guy made was when he finally decided—at the RIPE old age of 70—to retire from the ring as an active wrestler! This Curious George wannabe is so ignorant that he wears BLUE glasses—INDOORS! Do you get that? What's that all about? Is the sun in his eyes? OR are they just BLOODSHOT from all that drinkin' he must be doing up there in Titan Tower!

Hey, banana split head—HIT THE ROAD! Until you can explain to me why Double J Jeff Jarrett didn't IMMEDIATELY get a shot at HIS Intercontinental Title when he returned to the World Wrestling Federation, then tell your story walkin'! Shawn "don't drop me on my head again or else I'll be a walking cucumber" Michaels ROBBED him of that title back in July at *In Your House*! The whole stinkin' world saw it! So what did you do? You book him at the *Royal Rumble* to meet AHMED JOHNSON?! Just who has Ahmed Johnson ever beaten besides his dog, defenseless kids and his wheelchair-bound mother?! But, you know what, Cheetah? Like it or not, in time Double J will once again wear the gold around his waist, and there isn't



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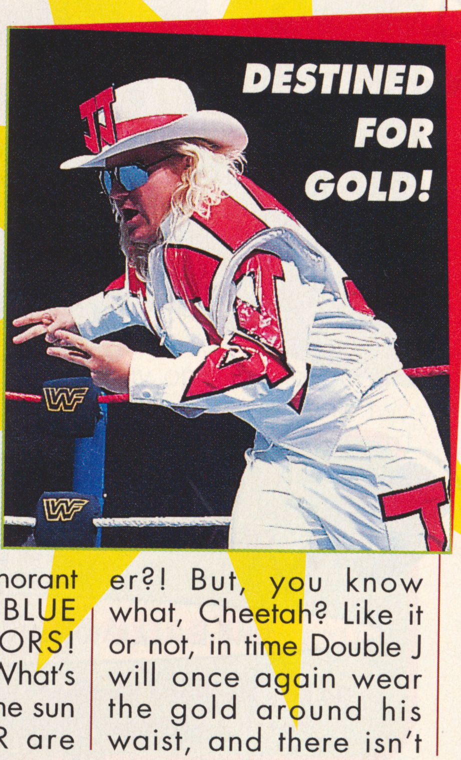

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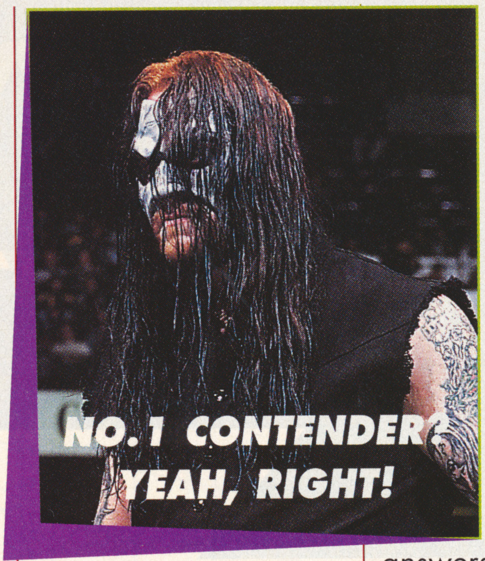
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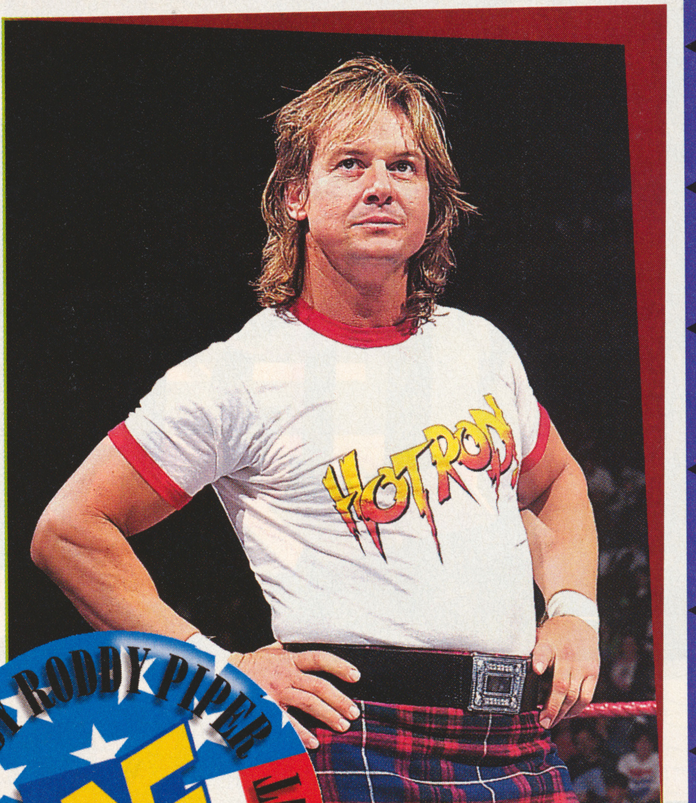

ROWDY RODDY PIPER
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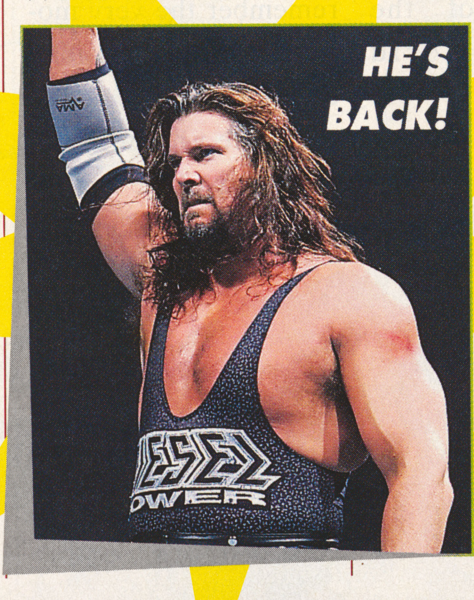
FOR FEDERATION PRESIDENT

anything you—MAGILLA—or anybody else is going to be able to do about it!

Second case in point. How did the Dead Man—THE UNDERTAKER, if you will—become the No. 1 contender? Who has Cousin It actually beaten lately? Why didn't Diesel get a rematch immediately following his *Survivor Series* loss to Bret Hart? It didn't have anything to do with Diesel's "EPIC" *Monday Night Raw* interview, did it, Grape Ape? C'mon, you remember! The one in which he blasted all the self-loving suits that pollute Titan Tower! You know, the ones who haven't got a clue! The ones who tried to turn the squared circle into Barney's playhouse!!! POLITICS, POLITICS! POLITICS! That's what it's all about, isn't it? Well, FORGET IT! The "REAL" BDC (that's short for Big Daddy Cool, MORONS) is back, and it's only a matter of time before he too will take back what is rightfully his!

"So, what do we do, Vic?" you pathetically ask. "You seem to have all of the questions, but you certainly don't seem to have any of the answers!" Answers? BITE ME! I have the answers too!!! Back in the bulldozer and haul Monsoon's huge caboose outta there! Then, once that "heavy duty" feat is accomplished, swear in a new prez! Who? Well, in my opinion—THE ONLY ONE THAT COUNTS—there is only one man who is capable of doing the job! There is only one man who is capable of getting the Federation back to the days when "MEN WERE MEN!" One man. . . and one man only! THE BAGPIPES—PLEASE! That's right, ROWDY RODDY PIPER! If you want law and order in the World Wrestling Federation, the Hot Rod's the only one who is gonna get it for you! If you disagree? Then just get in line—and wait your turn to get hit over the head with a coconut! WF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IN THE LINE OF FIRE

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He's been called numerous things—from an eccentric individual to a bizarre character to a unique attraction and—just plain WACKO! However, no matter WHAT you call him, one thing is for certain—there has never been a "star" in the long history of the World Wrestling Federation who has possessed a greater "ring presence" than the one—and the only—(inhale deeply)... GOLDUST.

Coming straight from the Hollywood Hills, Goldust made his World Wrestling Federation premiere a spectacle to remember the very moment that he set his golden boots in the squared circle. He was an immediate box-office smash! As a matter of fact, before the final credits had even rolled, Goldust was already an "epic." But—what do we REALLY know about the "Golden One" at this point? He speaks to us only in celluloid dialogue, and at many times we haven't the slightest clue as to what he is saying, and many suspect—neither does he!

That is until now! Goldust has agreed to meet the press, and he promises to "TELL ALL" for the very first time in motion picture/Federation history!!!

EDITOR: First of all, what would you like me to call you during this interview? Since it is going to be personal, and you ARE going to tell all, should I call you Gold?

ARGET:

GOLDUST

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Dust? Or how about just plain ol' sir?

GOLDUST: Mr. Wordman, you just remember the name—(inhaling deeply)... GOLDUST.

EDITOR: Why do you do that? Why do you inhale before you say your name every time?

GOLDUST: "I told you, that's what beauty does to me." *An Affair to Remember*—1957.

EDITOR: What is that supposed to mean?

GOLDUST: "There are some things a woman doesn't want other women to understand." *Cat People*—1942.

EDITOR: Whatever. Now, let's get down to the nitty-gritty! What is the real reason for your dressing up the way that you do? The wig? The makeup? Is it your way of gaining a psychological edge over your opponents?

GOLDUST: "Who expects a psychologist to think? Especially when you're so busy thinking what you think other people are thinking?" *Bedtime for Bonzo*—1951.

EDITOR: That was a good one, wasn't it? The monkey! Mr. President!

GOLDUST: "Mama says stupid is as stupid does." *Forrest Gump*—1994. Continue.

EDITOR: What exactly is your master plan here in the World Wrestling Federation?

GOLDUST: "I do not know what power shapes my way, but my feet are set upon a road I must follow." *Ten Commandments*—1956.

EDITOR: Aside from your "STUNNING"—yet peculiar—ring ap-

pearance, what advantage, if any, do you think you have over other Federation greats, such as Bret "Hit Man" Hart, Big Daddy Cool Diesel and the Bad Guy Razor Ramon, when it comes to ring PERFORMANCE?

GOLDUST: "The only thing that separates us from the animals is our ability to accessorize." *Steel Magnolias*—1989.

EDITOR: Is Goldust afraid of anything?

GOLDUST: "In order to be afraid, I think you've got to have heart. I don't think I got one. I got it cut out of me a long time ago." *Angels with Dirty Faces*—1938.

EDITOR: I thought you said that this was going to be a "TELL-ALL" interview. All that you are telling me, though, is that... you're not telling me ANYTHING!

GOLDUST: "You often pick words for sound rather than meaning." *Rope*—1948.

EDITOR: If such is the case, any last SOUNDS?

GOLDUST: "This is my life. It always will be. There's nothing else. Just us and the cameras and those wonderful people out there in the dark. All right, Mr. De Mille, I'm ready for my close-up." *Sunset Boulevard*—1950.

EDITOR: OK. Cut! That's a wrap!

GOLDUST: Exit, please.

THE “POWER OF THE FOX!”

DOES SUNNY HAVE A MASTER PLAN?

In the dense timberland known as the World Wrestling Federation, there are many giants looking to rule the forest. Some are over 7 feet tall—with very “bad” attitudes—while some—well, at least one—weighs well over 600 pounds. There are those who attempt to climb to the highest branch of the mighty oak by implementing their “Excellence of Execution,” while others try to reign supreme through lightning quick “1-2-3” speed! One “Mr.” uses intelligence—or at least thinks he does anyway—in an effort to rule the rest of the plebeians, while another uses the tactics of a “Psychopath” in hopes of straitjacketing the commoners. There is even one in particular who is forever trying to “BUY” the battlefield and every nickel-n-dimer who occupies the land! Yes, they all want the same thing. They all want to reign supreme! They all want to be No. 1—-regardless of the cost!

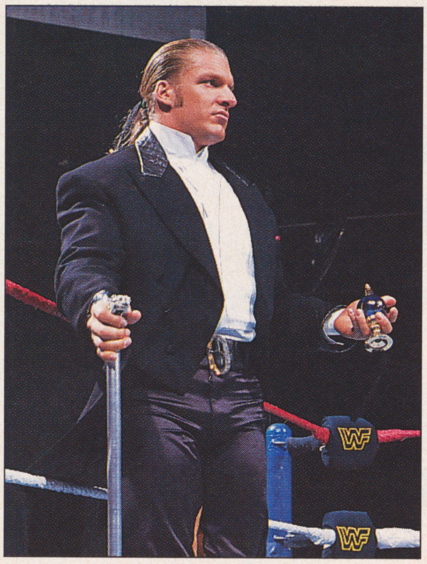
> When your brain matches your beauty–well, especially in Sunny's case–THE WORLD IS YOURS!

Day in and day out, while this story of “Bodyslam Forest” gets written, one sly, unique character may be gaining great strides in the struggle for supremacy, while, however, going quietly unnoticed. Creeping through the roots of the woodland like thick fog through the night, she utilizes a deadly tool that has the effect of a python's venom on the unsuspecting giants. That tool—her BEAUTY! While this is no fairy tale, in the end it may very well be BEAUTY that slays each and every one of the BEASTS!

Over the past six months, I have been watching Sunny of the Body Donnas microscopically. . . but, then again, what male in his right mind hasn't? Make no bones about it, she is a knockout! Perfect face, beautiful golden hair, gorgeous features and a body—well, a body to simply die for! Anyone—in his right mind—who even takes the slightest glance at her is instantly mesmerized by her beauty. Without her even knowing it, she has more power over men than she could ever realize! However, what makes her even more dangerous is—SHE REALIZES IT!!!

At the ripe old age of 23, the innocent, naive, golden-haired girl with the body to die for may very well have the Federation in the palm of her hand! As a matter of fact, I will even go out on a

BY VINCE RUSSO



limb by saying that in less than two years, she will OWN IT! OWN IT? OWN THE FEDERATION? How can the editor of this magazine make such an outlandish statement? Well, it's simple. Sunny possesses the power. Let's call it the "Power of the Golden Fox." When your brain matches your beauty—well, especially in Sunny's case—THE WORLD IS YOURS! Just look at what she's done to yours truly over the past few months—her own calendar, her own feature story, the COVER, and the most amazing thing is—she never asked for any of it! I handed it to her on a silver platter! And that is exactly what I'm talking about! She has the "Power of the Golden Fox" over everybody who has "the good fortune" to come in contact with her. Manipulative? Yes! But, to the average male dripping with hormones—WHO CARES?

This is exactly what may have helped cause Skip some of those early losses to Barry Horowitz! The talented Body Donna was so wrapped up in Sunny and the idea that she was "in his gym" that he couldn't keep his mind on the matter at hand—his matches! He was so entranced by the "Power of the Golden Fox" that he lost to Horowitz on three separate occasions! Oh, he cared all right, but the bottom line was—he still had the prize—SUNNY! Ironically though, his numerous losses are what ultimately may cost him that same PRIZE!

You see, Sunny doesn't like to lose, and Sunny WON'T stand for losing. Skip has lost way too many times for her taste, and even though the acquisition of Zip has helped him, it may very well be a case of too little, too late.

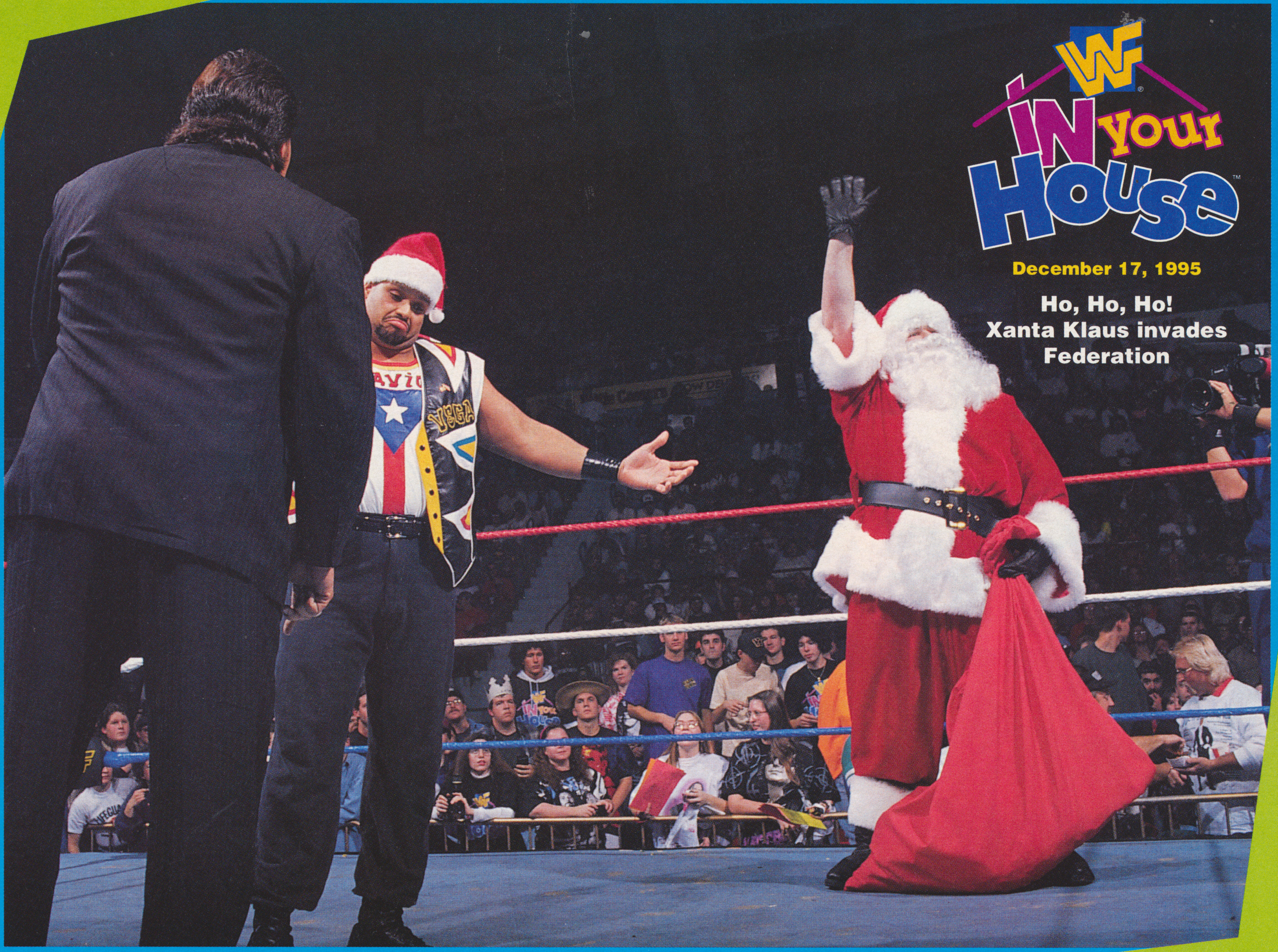
So, if such is the case, then where does that leave Sunny? To put it simply—anywhere she wants! Rumors have been running rampant throughout the Federation recently that numerous Federation superstars are currently in a bidding war for her services! The names that seem to surface the most are Hunter Hearst-Helmsley and the Million Dollar Champion Ringmaster. Why do they want her services? Would they be better with her? Or will their careers suffer much like Skip's? Will she be an added attraction or simply an overwhelming DISTRACTION? The "Power of the Fox." She owns it, she controls it. Which leads me to my next scenario.

Sunny is secretly planning to put together her OWN team of Federation superstars who will WORK exclusively FOR HER!

Sunny can't be controlled by anyone other than herself. Whether it be Austin or Hunter, their careers—whether they want to admit it or not—would suffer much the same way Skip's did. Oh, they will try to control her—and they will lose matches along the way trying—but in time they will discover that it just can't be done. In the long run, Sunny won't be successful—WORKING FOR ANYONE!

Do you get my drift? That last sentence should have spelled it out for you—that is, of course, if you're concentrating more on SUNNY'S pictures than on MY words! But even I can't blame you—they're great, aren't they? Anyway, what I'm trying to tell you is it's quite possible that Sunny is secretly planning to put together her OWN team of Federation superstars who will WORK exclusively FOR HER! Finally, she would get her chance at being the BOSS—the one person she longs to be! The WOMAN in charge! She'd do the hiring, and she'd DEFINITELY do the firing! In my opinion, she would make George Steinbrenner look like a dripping Mr. Softie! With her beauty and her brains controlling the checkbook, nobody would be safe! Within a couple of years, she could own the whole darn forest—giants, technicians, intellects, psychopaths AND ALL!

You don't believe me? The "Power of the Fox" has driven even me absolutely INSANE, you say! Maybe? Maybe not. But please be sure to let me know if you've changed your mind when Sunny pens her first check. You know, the one that may very well be made out to. . . HBK INC!



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GAME TITLE: DK COUNTRY 2

MACHINE: SUPER NES

MANUFACTURER: NINTENDO

THEME: ACTION/ADVENTURE

AREAS: OVER 100

PLAYERS: 1-2

MEGS: 32

EST. PRICE: $69.95

T-BOY'S SCORE

GAME PLAY	7
GRAPHICS	8
MUSIC/SOUND	5
OVERALL SCORE ▶▶▶	**7**

SIDESCROLL'S SCORE

GAME PLAY	7
GRAPHICS	8
MUSIC/SOUND	6
OVERALL SCORE ▶▶▶	**7**

Sidescroll & T-Boy Illustrations by: Howard M. Colbert

SYSTEM TYPE

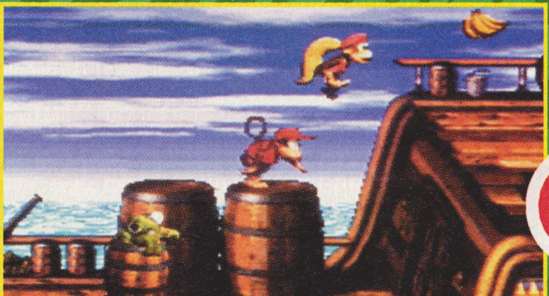
SUPER NES

BY T-BOY & SIDESCROLL

DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 2
DIDDY'S KONG QUEST
Only For Nintendo
KIDS TO ADULTS K-A AGES 6+
SUPER NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM

Gamers, this month we review one of Nintendo's latest releases, *Donkey Kong Country 2, Diddy's Kong Quest* for the Super Nintendo Entertainment System. Nintendo's game designers have taken their previous mega hit Donkey Kong Country and repackaged it with even tougher levels and a variety of eight new graphic worlds. It features many of the original game's animated characters with some amusing variations on the infamous Kremlin villains. But the big disappointment is that you don't get to play Donkey Kong ... who's brilliant idea was this?

In this cart your gaming objective is to journey the various worlds and rescue the kidnapped star, Goldust - oops - that should read, Donkey Kong, from the arch villain Kaptain K. Rool. You can play as Diddy, Kong's pint-sized companion; or his pal Dixie, the first monkey ever seen with a blond ponytail. A wide variety of settings will test your gaming skills, such as: dueling pirates on an abandoned galleon, leaping through lava caves,

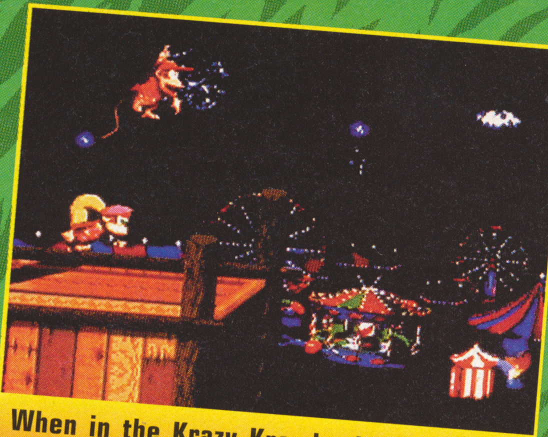


Climb on top of the barrels to stay away from Kaptain K. Rool's pirate crew when possible. Oh, joy! A bunch of bananas! Follow them to your buddy Donkey Kong.

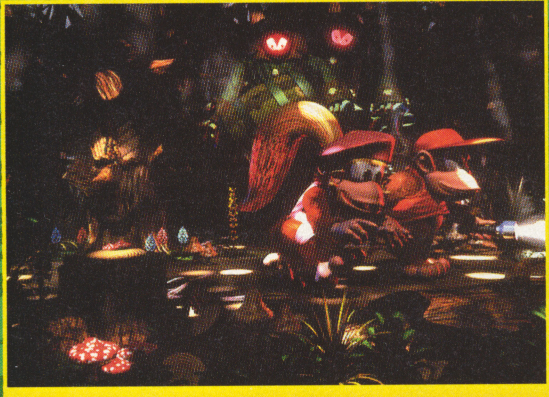
roller coaster car driving, swimming through some gloomy swamps and hi-jinx in haunted woodlands. In the end, you'll have hopefully rescued Donkey Kong from the Kremlings so we can actually play him in the next DK game release.

Diddy's Kong Quest features numerous hidden areas where you can gain extra lives, bonuses and valuable gold treasure coins. Cash the coins in to get gaming hints from Cranky Kong or to go to Kollege and learn, or use them to pay the toll to Klubba's Kiosk. Overall, if you can't find a bonus in this game, then you probably aren't playing the game!

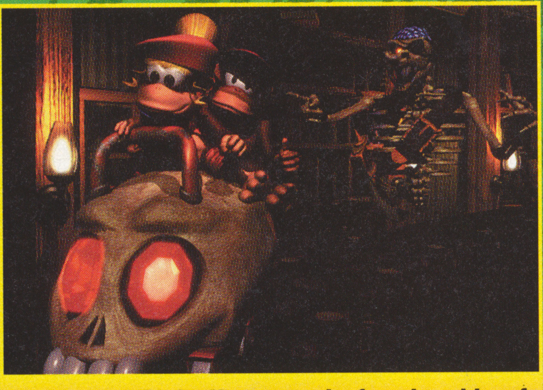
Nintendo makes extensive use of their Advanced Computer Modeling (ACM) system that creates the amazing three-dimension look of this game. In a gaming market where 16-bit systems are quickly becoming antiques, Nintendo has done a good job putting together a game that still supports the older system. It's probably pretty safe to say that we can all expect to see the next sequal to Donkey Kong on Nintendo's new Ultra 64 system where you will be blitzed with a multitude of processing capabilities, but until then grab a bunch of bananas, sit back and enjoy DK Country 2.



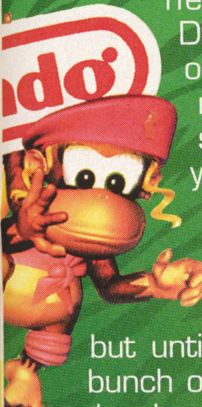
When in the Krazy Kremland level on the Target Terror stage right after the first red X barrel, leap up and you should land yourself in a bonus stage barrel.



Lions and tigers and bears, oh, my! No, it's Gloomy Gulch, and Diddy and Dixie will be haunted by the evil Kremling spirits known as Kloak and Kackle. Nothing is as it seems.



Diddy and Dixie Kong are in for the ride of their lives as they run, swim and climb through this 32MB adventure to try and save their ape-napped friend Donkey Kong.



TIP OF THE MONTH

Game:
Mortal Kombat 3

System:
Super NES

Tip:
To play as Smoke press left and A at the first screen. Then press right and B at the Williams screen. Finally, press X and Y until Smoke walks onto the MK3 screen. Now you can select him.

Thanks for the tip, Arleigh!

Arleigh Cortez
San Marcos, CA

READERS' TOP TEN

SUPER NES

1. WF Raw
2. Donkey Kong Country
3. Mortal Kombat II
4. Supr. St. Fghtr II-Turbo
5. Super Punch-Out
6. NBA Jam: TE
7. WF Royal Rumble
8. WF WrstlMania-Arcade
9. Super Metroid
10. Wolverine

GENESIS

1. WF Raw
2. NBA Jam
3. Mortal Kombat II
4. WF Royal Rumble
5. WF WrstlMania-Arcade
6. Sonic and Knuckles
7. Mortal Kombat
8. NBA Jam: TE
9. Mortal Kombat 3
10. Street Fighter II

Hey, Kids! Don't forget to send in your tips and vote for your favorite game for *SUPER NES* or *GENESIS* each month. You can also write to T-Boy and Sidescroll. Send your letters with your name and address to:

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THE CRITICS' CORNER

Sidescroll: T-Boy! I'm having déjà vu. Didn't we already review this game in last year's March issue?

T-Boy: Hello! McFly! This is the sequel featuring an all-new character, the lovely Dixie Kong.

Sidescroll: It appears you've got a crush on the little blond monkey!

T-Boy: Funny! But this she-ape has got a few gaming advantages with her ponytail spins.

Sidescroll: Too bad *YOU* don't have any gaming advantages; it would make reviewing these games a lot easier on me!

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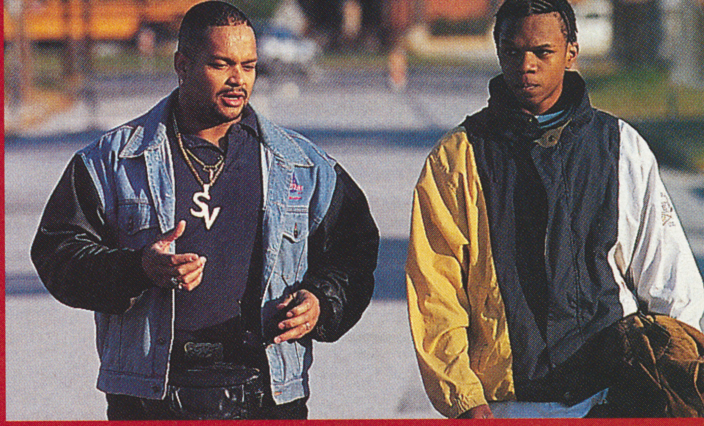


SAVIO VEGA!

Superstars aren't just born superstars. For many, their entire life is a test to determine if they are truly worthy of being that special "chosen one." Day after day, they are faced with life-altering decisions—decisions that could lead them down that golden path of glory or decisions that could drag them down that cold, lonely, cobblestone trail of destruction. It's a roller coaster. Some win, some lose.

Savio Vega was a winner—yes, a BIG winner!

As a child growing up, Savio spent much of his time going back and forth between his homeland of Puerto Rico and the tough, grow-up-fast streets of the South Bronx, New York. It was on those very streets that a superstar was born. However, it did not come easy. Savio was faced with the temptations of a "much easier" life—a way of the world that would bring him money fast and easy without even breaking a sweat—life on the street. Drugs, thugs and theft. Life with the family—the "gang."

"Gangs came into my life early on when I was a kid growing up in the South Bronx," reflects Savio. "It wasn't because the South Bronx was a 'bad' place; it was because some of the people who lived there were 'bad'! There were a lot of gangs there, and kids would join the gangs at a young age because maybe they felt alone. Maybe something happened in their lives, their mother or father passed away, and there was nobody there to take care of them. So they relied on their friends, and some of their friends were not too good!"

Yet, aside from a family tragedy, there are many other reasons why a kid would decide to join a gang. Savio lists "peer pressure" as perhaps the most popular one. "Many kids today join gangs because they feel that they have to prove they are 'tough,'" suggests Vega. "The way I see it, the toughest kid out there is the kid who can be himself—or herself! Savio Vega was that kid! I knew who I was, what I wanted and where I was going! The only gang for Savio Vega was SAVIO VEGA!"

However, is it fair to place all the blame on the children? Many kids today who join gangs are simply young and naive. Savio suggests that it is the responsibility of the parents to make sure that their children are guided on the straight and narrow path.

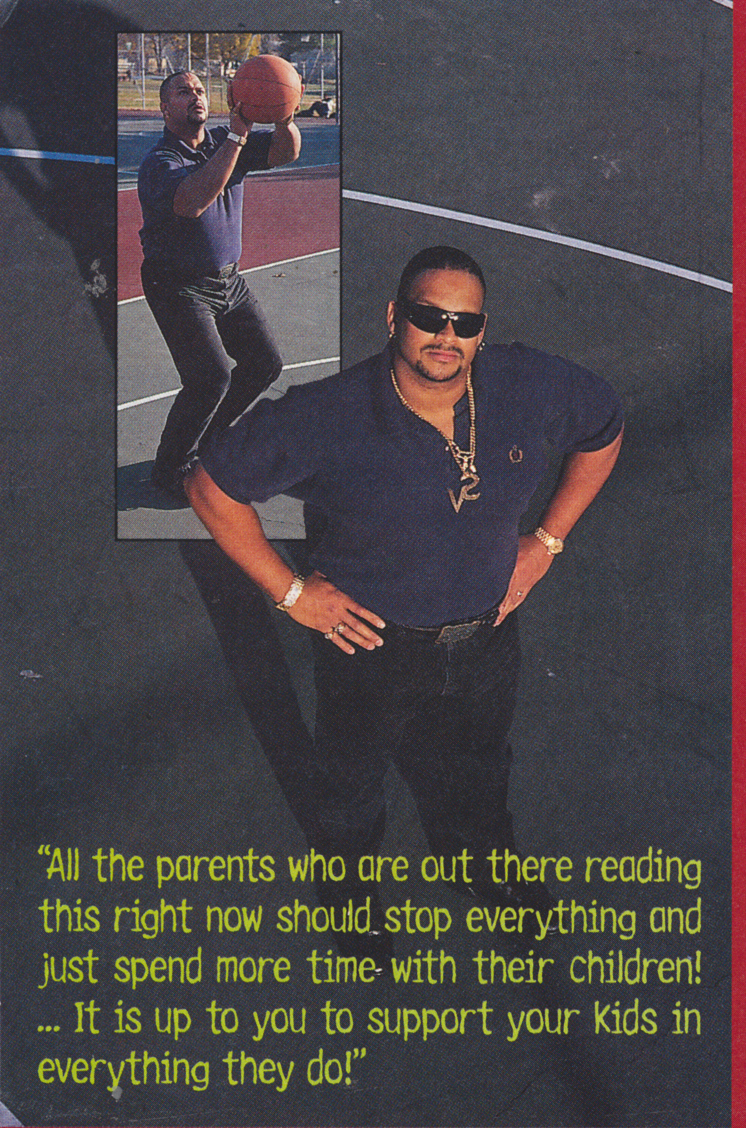
"All the parents who are out there reading this right now should stop everything and just spend more time with their children!" states Savio. "Bring them to a baseball game or a basketball game, play sports with them—show them that you are

The Caribbean Legend Tells It Like It Is!

By Vince Russo

THE ONLY GANG FOR ME IS...

SAVIO VEGA!



"All the parents who are out there reading this right now should stop everything and just spend more time with their children! ... It is up to you to support your kids in everything they do!"

there for them! It is up to you to support your kids in everything they do! Because if you don't, they will attempt to find their own way, and unfortunately, their way may not be the right way! I'm telling you from experience! What you put into your children is the same thing that you'll get out of them! It all starts in the home!"

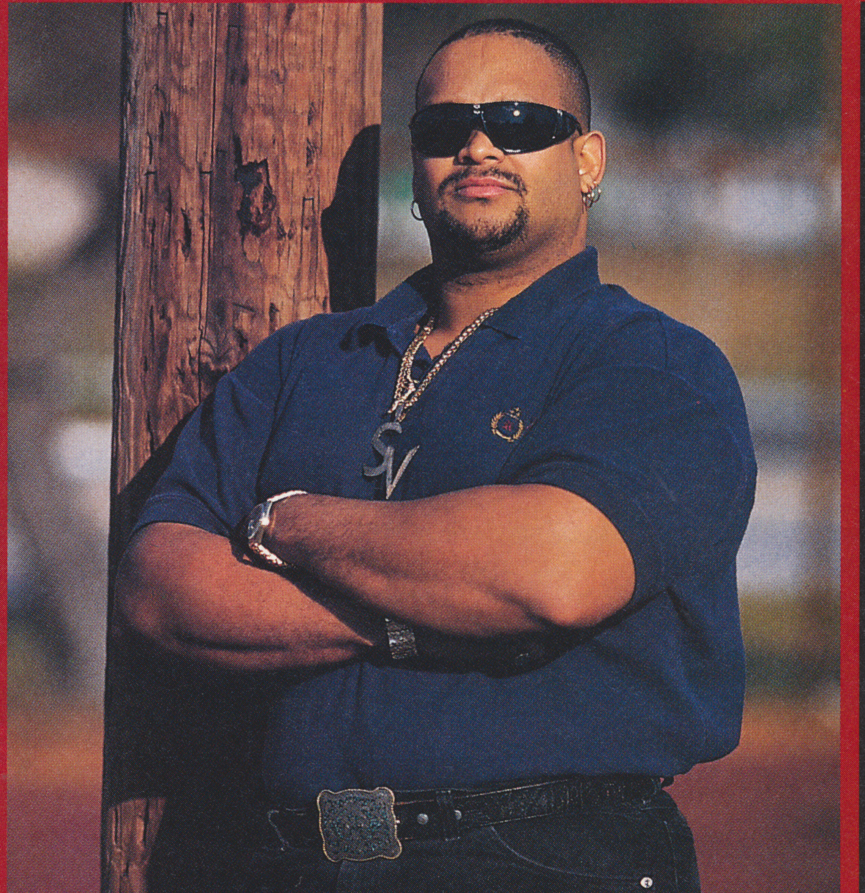
"If it starts in the home, then where does it end?" asks this inquisitive reporter.

"That's an easy one for me to answer, amigo!" boasts a confident Savio. "EDUCATION! Rather than get involved in the 'wrong institute,' THE GANG, kids should understand and recognize the importance of reveling in the 'real institute': SCHOOL.

"DO NOT DROP OUT OF SCHOOL! That's VERY important! Maybe right now you're 10, 12, 15 years old, and you're thinking you don't need school because you see people working on the street who are successful and didn't go to school! SUCCESSFUL? You call that SUCCESSFUL? Selling drugs? Stealing? Robbing? Those same 'successful' people are going to wind up either dead or behind bars for the rest of their lives!"

Superstar. That special "chosen one." We all have the potential to be one by simply being just the best that WE can be! It's just a matter of knowing when to say yes, but most importantly... when to say no.

Let your star shine! Just do the right thing!



PERSONALITY PROFILE

SAVIO VEGA

FAVORITE BAND:
The Eagles

IF I COULD HAVE DONE IT DIFFERENTLY:
I would have FINISHED school.

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Scarface

BIGGEST THRILL IN LIFE:
When I wrestled for the first time in Puerto Rico. I was so nervous that my knees were shaking!

FAVORITE ACTOR:
Tom Hanks and Robert De Niro

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET:
Tom Hanks

HOBBIES:
Listen to music and change the channels on TV.

FAVORITE FAST FOOD:
Taco Bell

FAVORITE FOOD:
Rice and beans

FAVORITE SPORT (BESIDES WRESTLING):
Football, baseball and basketball

FAVORITE ATHLETE:
Savio Vega

BEST ADVICE EVER RECEIVED:
When my mother told me, "No matter what—FINISH SCHOOL!"

FAVORITE ACTRESS:
Jamie Lee Curtis

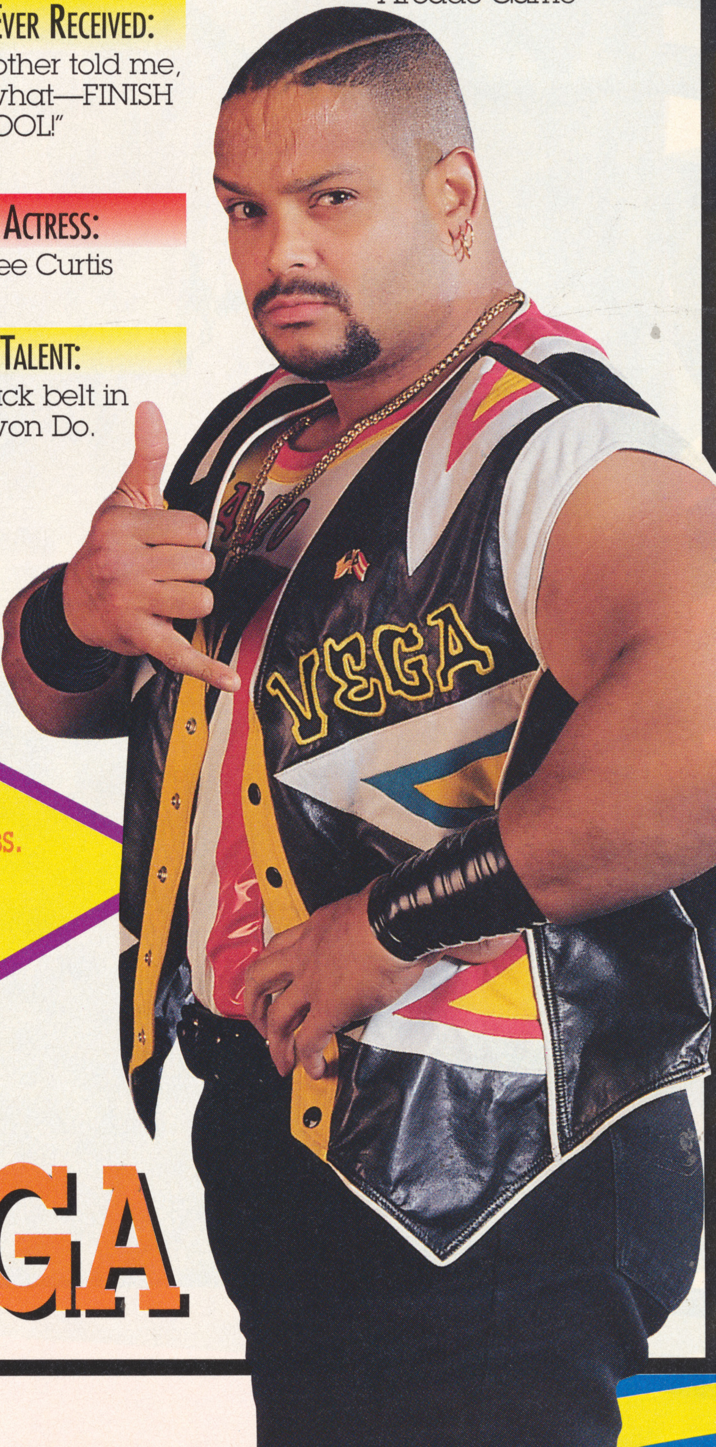
SECRET TALENT:
I'm a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

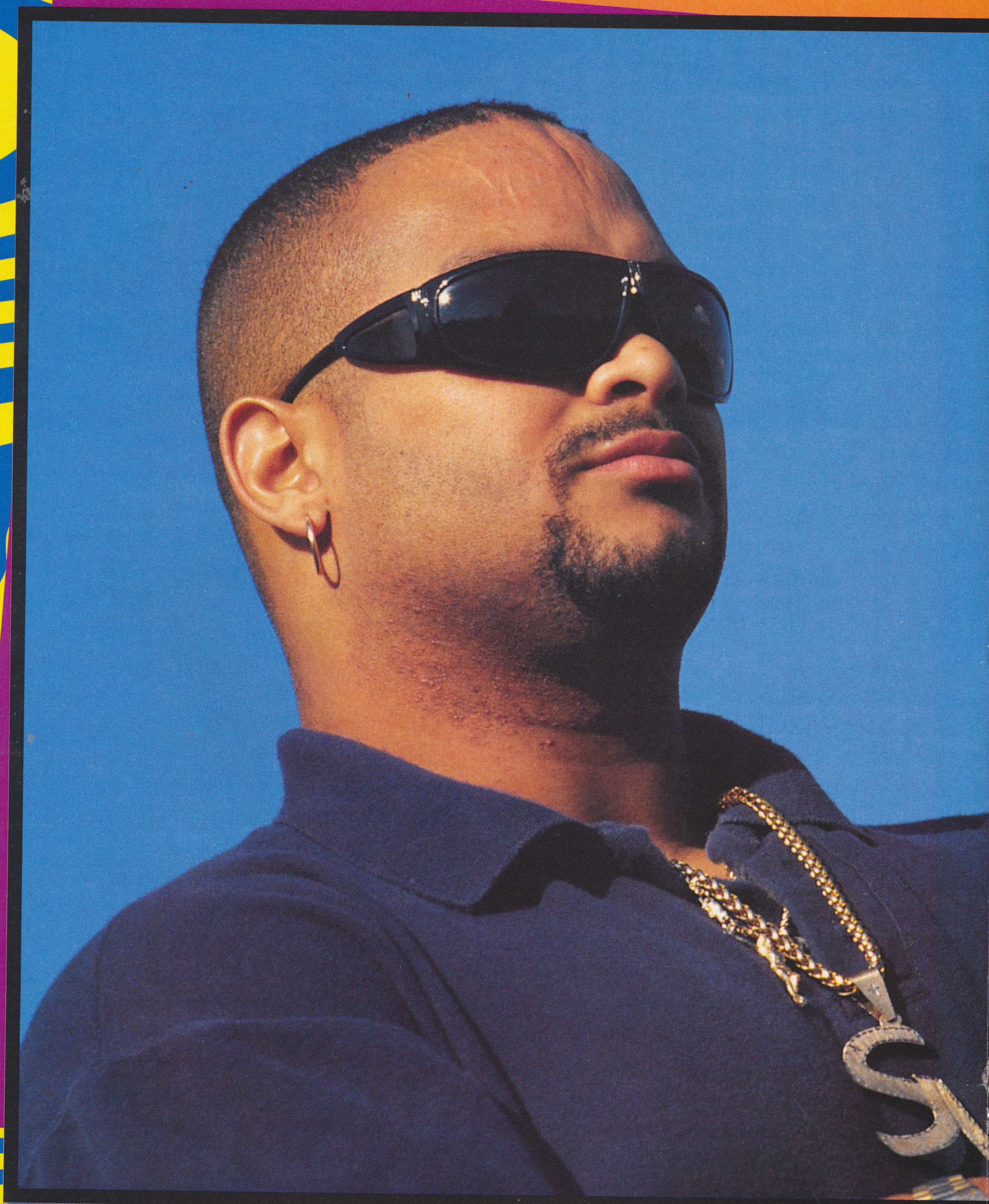
FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER:
Casper

FAVORITE TELEVISION SHOW:
Monday Night Raw

FAVORITE VIDEO GAME:
WrestleMania: The Arcade Game

HEIGHT: 6'0"
WEIGHT: 254 LBS.
HOMETOWN:
SOUTH BRONX,
NEW YORK





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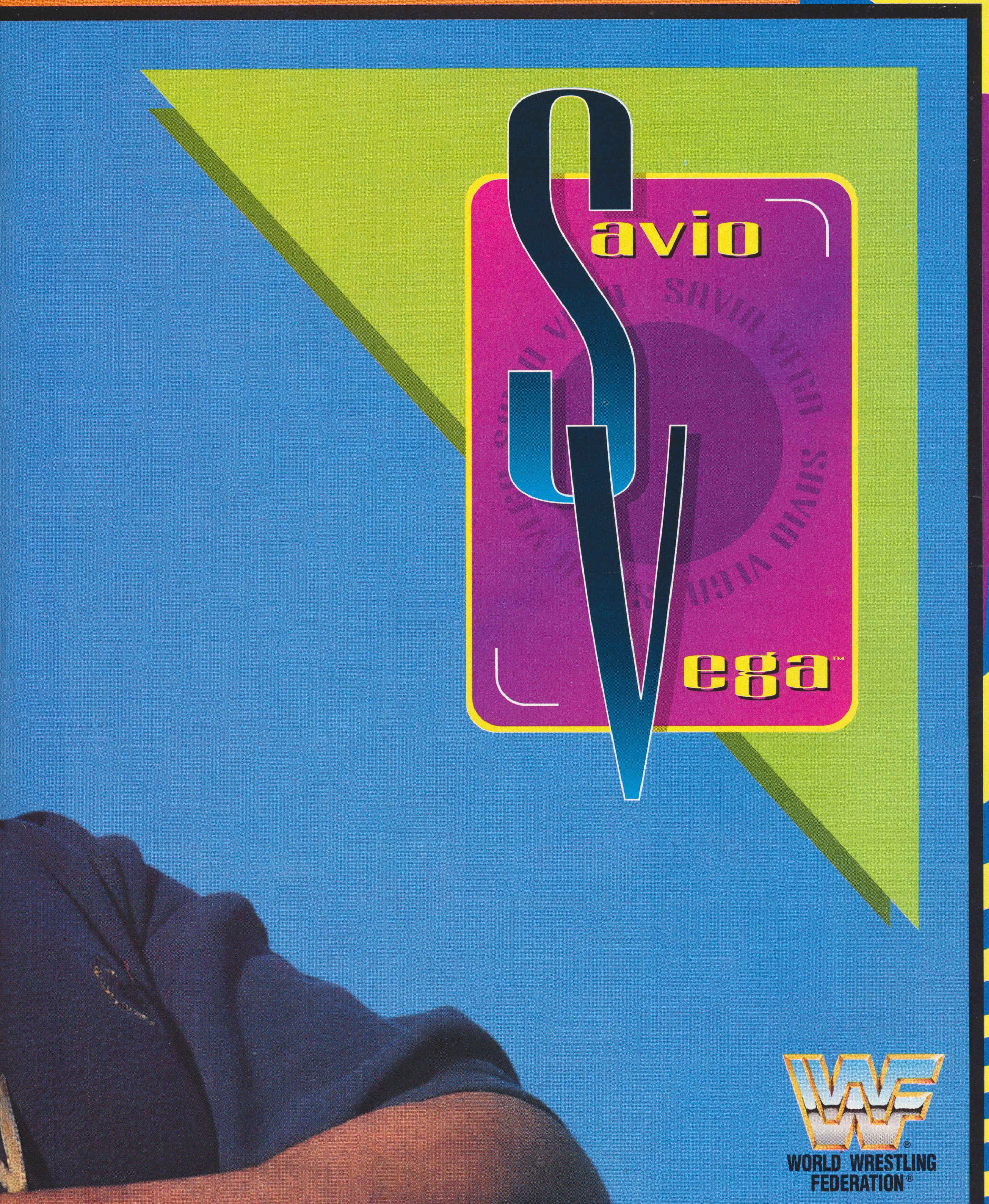
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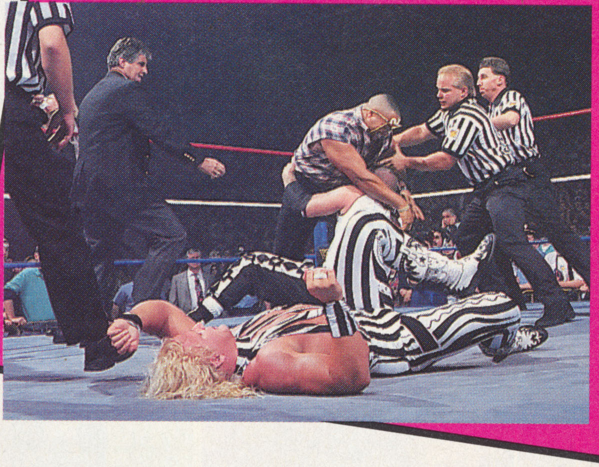

Savio Vega debuted in the Federation the only way he knew how—with a BANG! The Caribbean superstar literally appeared from out of nowhere at the first In Your House (which was held in Syracuse, New York) to rescue Razor Ramon from the devious double-teaming of Jeff Jarrett and the Roadie. Following the match, Savio explained to the world that like the Bad Guy, he too had grown up in the streets, and even though they lived miles apart from each other, the blood of brothers flowed in their veins!

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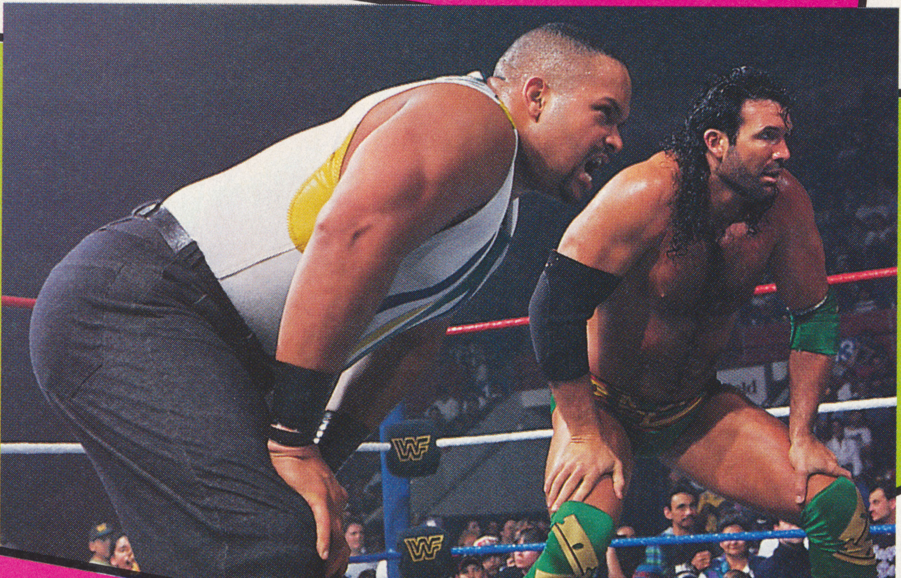
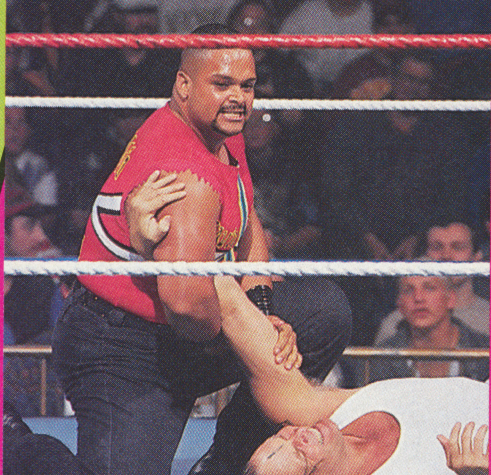
Following that monumental incident, Savio and Razor toured the country, facing the best tag team combinations that the World Wrestling Federation had to offer. Many critics felt that the deep-rooted understanding that these two rebels had for each other would have eventually landed them the Federation tag team gold! Unfortunately, however, the Bad Guy became sidetracked by an unruly teacher—who insisted on his strict attention—shortly thereafter.





Perhaps the biggest win in Savio Vega's ring career came at In Your House in Saginaw, Michigan, when he shocked a worldwide pay-per-view audience by pinning the twisted and dangerous Waylon Mercy. In relentless fashion, Savio used the combination of lightning speed and raw physical power to show the towering Mercy exactly "what he meant"!

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Hersheypark Arena
Hershey, Pennsylvania
December 17, 1995

By Keith Elliot Greenberg

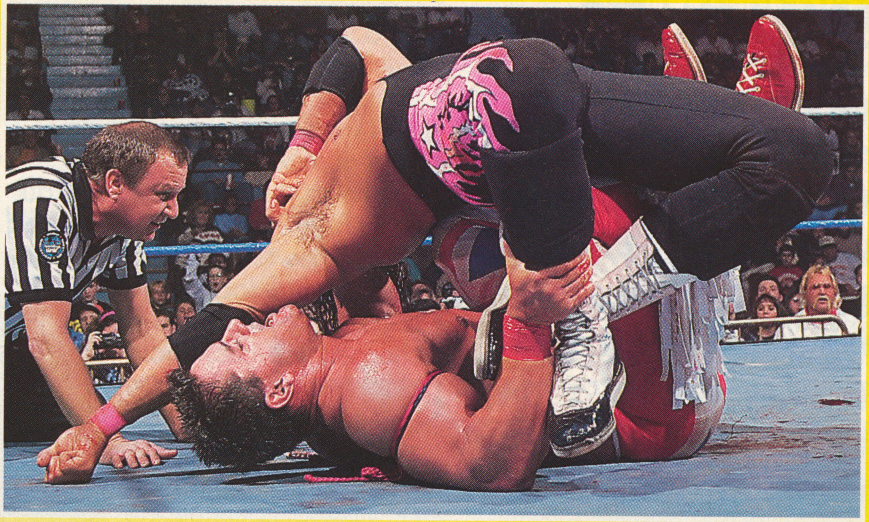
WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION CHAMPION BRET "HIT MAN" HART VS. "THE BRITISH BULLDOG" DAVEY BOY SMITH

Hart went into this title defense with a lot on his mind. Smith had defeated him several years before—for the World Wrestling Federation Intercontinental Title at Wembley Stadium—and was married to the champion's sister Diana. In fact, Diana accompanied her husband to the ring, aggravating the experience for her brother.

A few minutes into the match, Bret gained a near-fall with a body press off the ropes. He slipped under the bottom rope and waited for the Bulldog to pursue him. When Davey Boy took the bait, walking up to the edge of the strands, the Hit Man slid back into the ring under his opponent's legs and executed a reverse atomic drop.

Bulldog swiftly rebounded, hanging Hart upside-down from

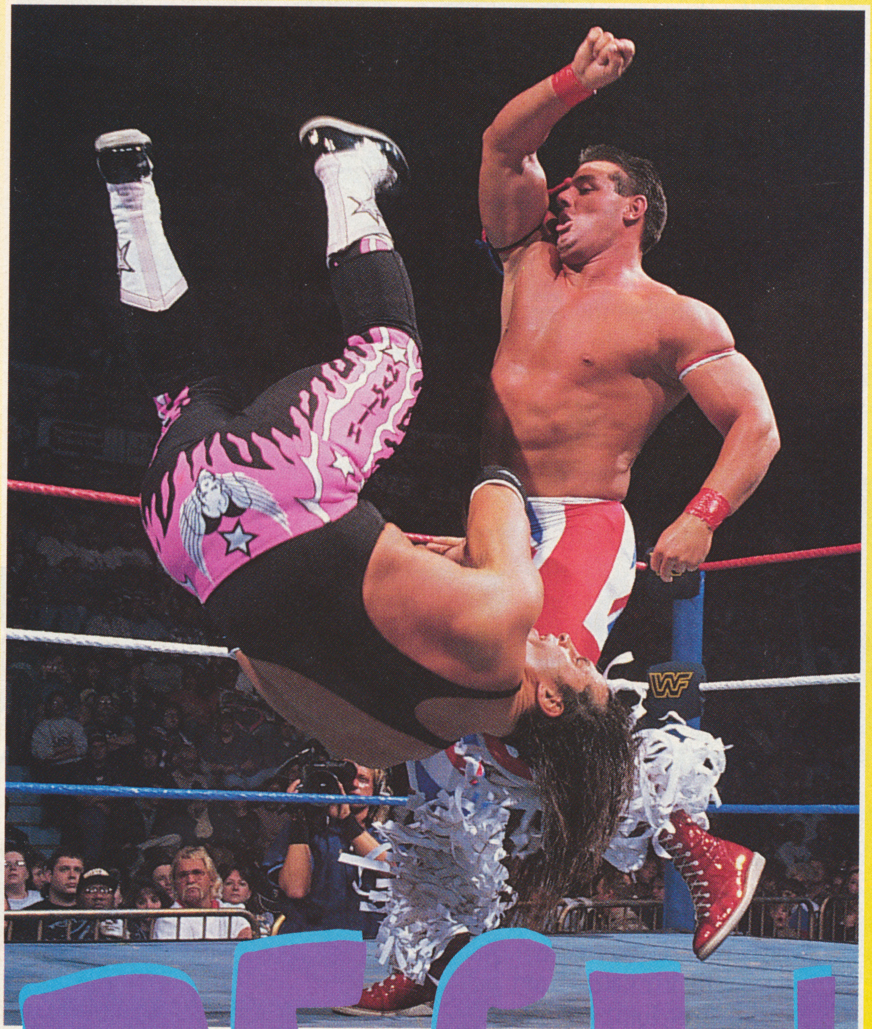
> **BRET HART: "THE WAY THE MATCH PROGRESSED, IT WAS A WIN-AT-ANY-COST SITUATION. I WASN'T HOLDING BACK ANYTHING! I WANTED TO GET THE WIN ANY WAY THAT I COULD!"**



the turnbuckles and jabbing him with kicks to the ribs. Bret tried a crucifix, but Bulldog deliberately fell backward, jarring his brother-in-law's spinal cage.

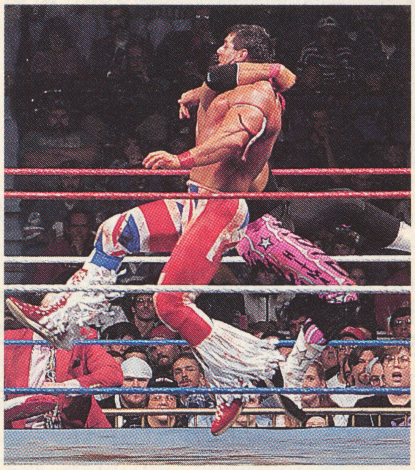
Bret went on the offensive with a bulldog headlock and a piledriver, a side Russian leg sweep and a fistdrop from the second rope. Gripping the Bulldog in a front facelock, Bret heaved Smith off the ground, situating him on the top turnbuckle for a superplex attempt. As Hit Man scaled the ropes to execute the maneuver, the Bulldog fought back, balancing himself on the turnbuckle to lift Bret and bounce him—spread-eagled—across the top cable. A piledriver in the ring then seemed to signal the end of Bret Hart's title reign, but Hit Man managed to kick out when the Bulldog covered him.

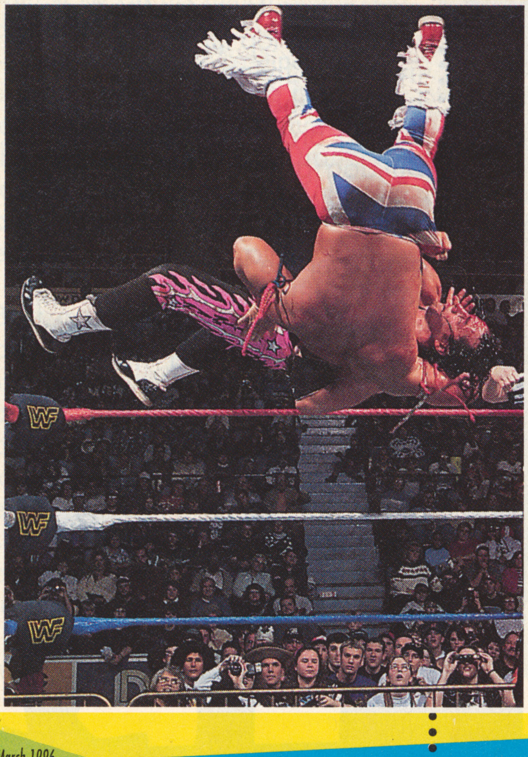
Bulldog wouldn't relent. He battered Bret with a vertical suplex and a gorilla press/bodyslam, went to the top turnbuckle and delivered a flying headbutt to the base of the champion's spine. Seeing Bret lying face-down, the Bulldog gripped him below the neck, tied up his legs with the other arm and rolled over, bending Hart over the knees in an agonizing submission hold. The titlist rolled out of the maneuver and tried ending the match quickly with a Sharpshooter.



RESULTS

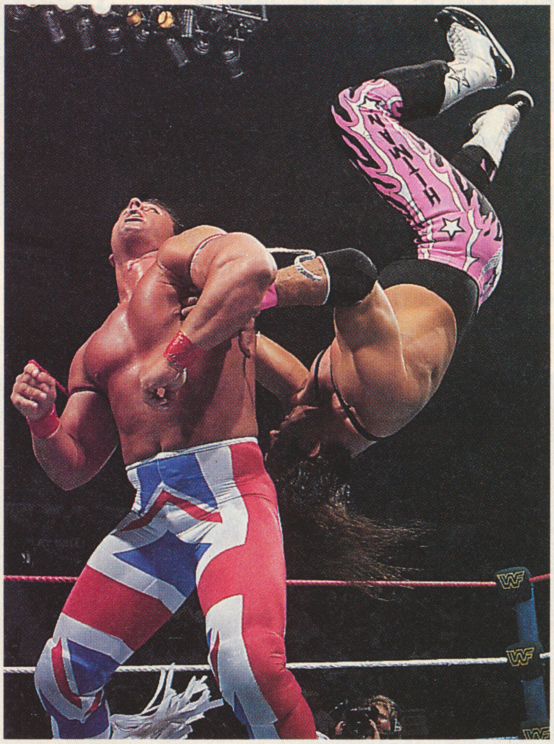
BRITISH BULLDOG: "NOW WE BOTH HAVE ONE WIN EACH. I THINK THAT WE'RE DUE FOR A REMATCH. HOPEFULLY, IT WON'T BE THREE YEARS FROM NOW THE WAY THAT IT WAS THE LAST TIME! I GAVE HIM A HARD-FOUGHT MATCH. I DON'T FEEL ALL THAT BAD ABOUT LOSING TO HIM."





Bulldog struggled free and recaptured the lead.

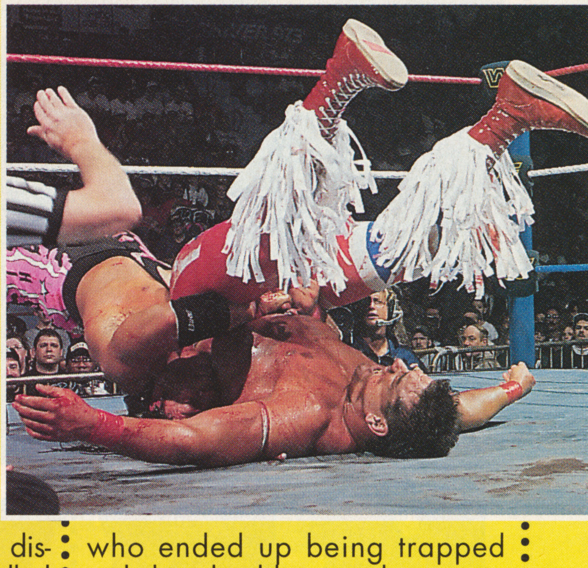
Again, Hart tried pulling a winning maneuver out of nowhere, a back suplex into a neck bridge—but Smith wouldn't quit. The duo ran the ropes and delivered clotheslines to each other simultaneously. Bulldog got to his feet first and charged the champion. Hart backdropped him to the arena floor, dived over the ropes and splashed the challenger. Hoping to continue the momentum, Bret scrambled up the apron to the middle of the second rope and propelled his body back at the contender. Smith was waiting for the champion, snaring him out of the air and powerslamming him on the arena floor.



Removing the protective mat from the ringside area, Bulldog tried suplexing his brother-in-law onto the concrete. Somehow, the Hit Man managed to reverse the move, slammed the Bulldog across the guardrail and continued with a clothesline.

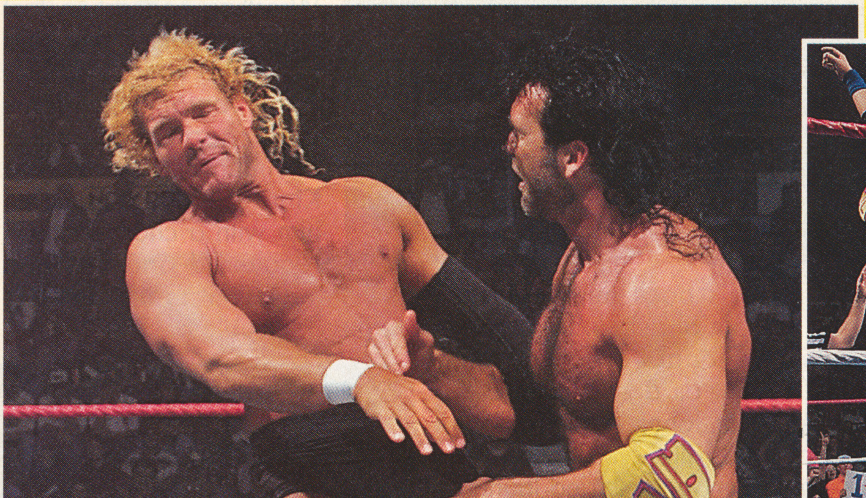
In the ring, Bret banged his foe across a bent knee, hit him with a head-butt and tossed him, upside-down, into the corner. Hart attempted another superplex and, this time, pulled it off, tying up the Bulldog in a pinning combination. The referee counted to two, Smith kicked out and Bret jumped off the canvas to argue about the count. Seeing the champion distracted, Davey Boy rolled him up from behind. Bret kept the flow going, holding his foe's tights and holding his shoulders to the canvas for a near-fall.

Bulldog charged Bret in the corner and was rebuffed with a heel to the chin. With the challenger lying face-down on the mat, Hit Man advanced, using his leg as a post to tie back the Bulldog's arm. Bulldog rolled around, apparently pinning the Hit Man, but Bret shifted his weight, and Davey Boy Smith was the man who ended up being trapped with his shoulders on the mat in this stunning title defense.



ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT:

Savio Vega was assaulted by Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase and an individual in a Santa Claus suit. Pronounced DiBiase, "This proves that everybody has a price for the Million Dollar Man, even Santa Claus"—but Savio ripped off the man's beard, confirming that the mystery man was not St. Nick but some new flunky in DiBiase's Corporation. The next day on *Raw*, DiBiase identified his new recruit as "Xanta Klaus," a wicked and maniacal individual who claimed to hail from the "South Pole."

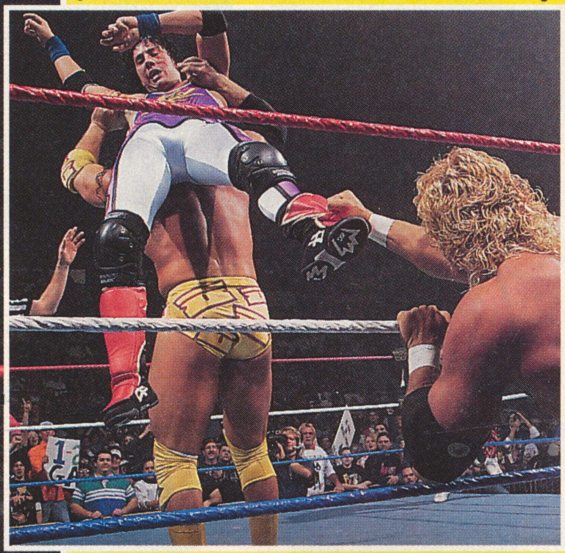


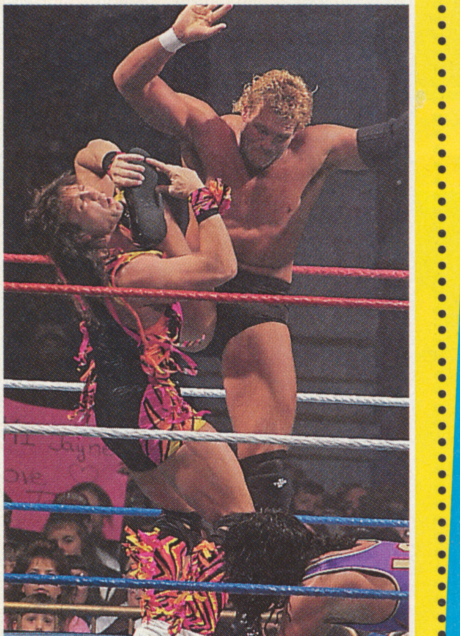
RAZOR RAMON & MARTY JANNETTY VS. SID AND THE 1-2-3 KID

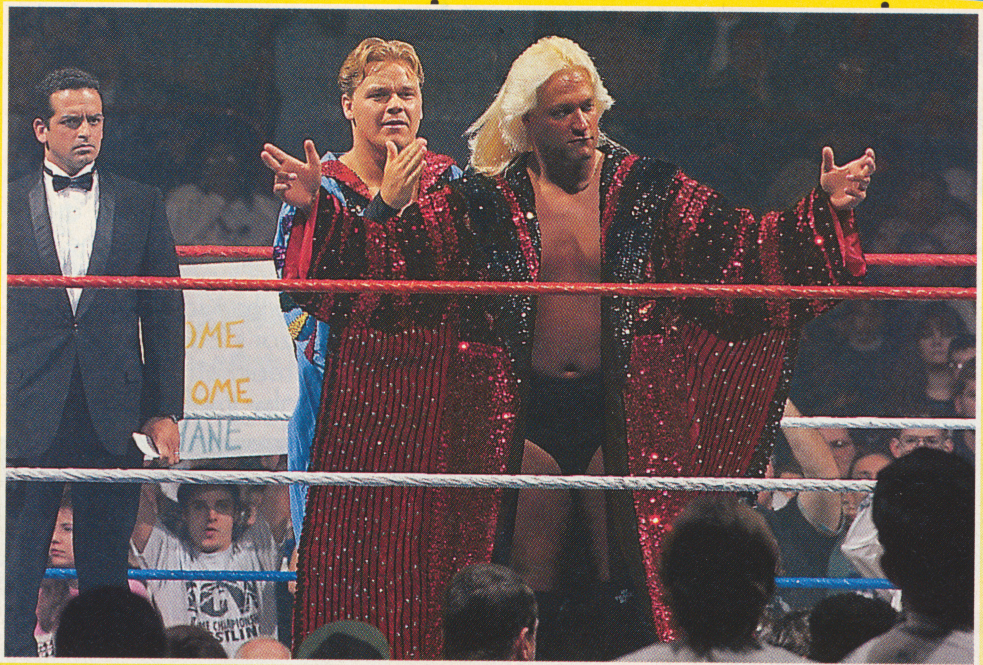
In times past, both Ramon and Jannetty were partners with the Kid, and each took turns throttling him at the beginning of the match. However, Sid was watching his back, periodically stepping in to tip the battle in his team's favor.

Still, it was Razor who was the decisive factor in this match. At one point, he slung the Kid into his large partner. Then he managed to outsmart Psycho Sid, slipping out of the way of a legdrop and delivering a big boot to the face when the tow-headed bruiser charged him in the corner. As Sid wobbled in the ring, Ramon scaled the ropes, executed a bulldog headlock and scored the pin.

With the victory logged, Razor honed in on the Kid, lifting him up for the Razor's Edge. From ringside, Sid reached up, snatched his partner by the feet and pulled him to safety. From the audience, Goldust raptly watched the proceedings, then sent a twisted "fan letter" to Ramon.



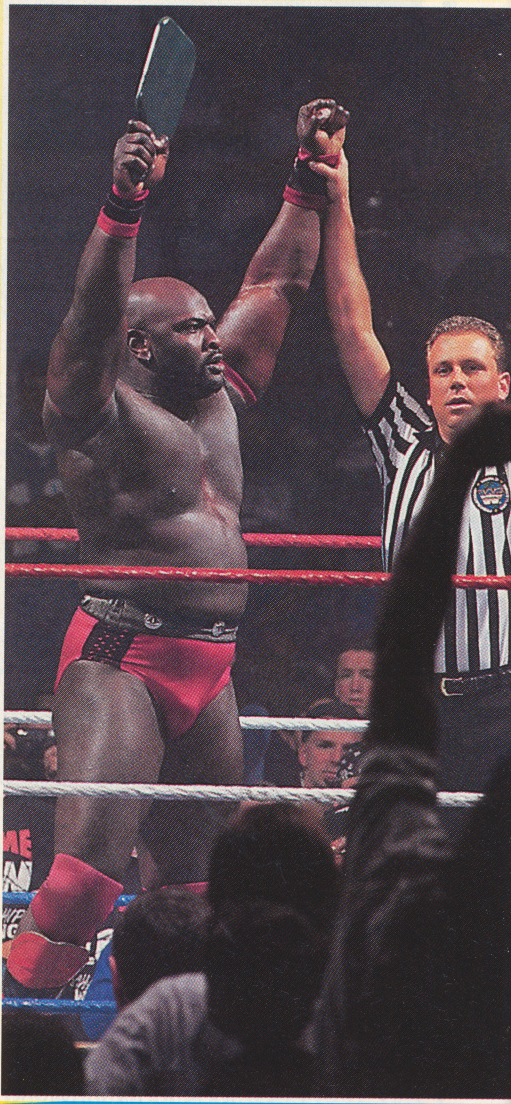


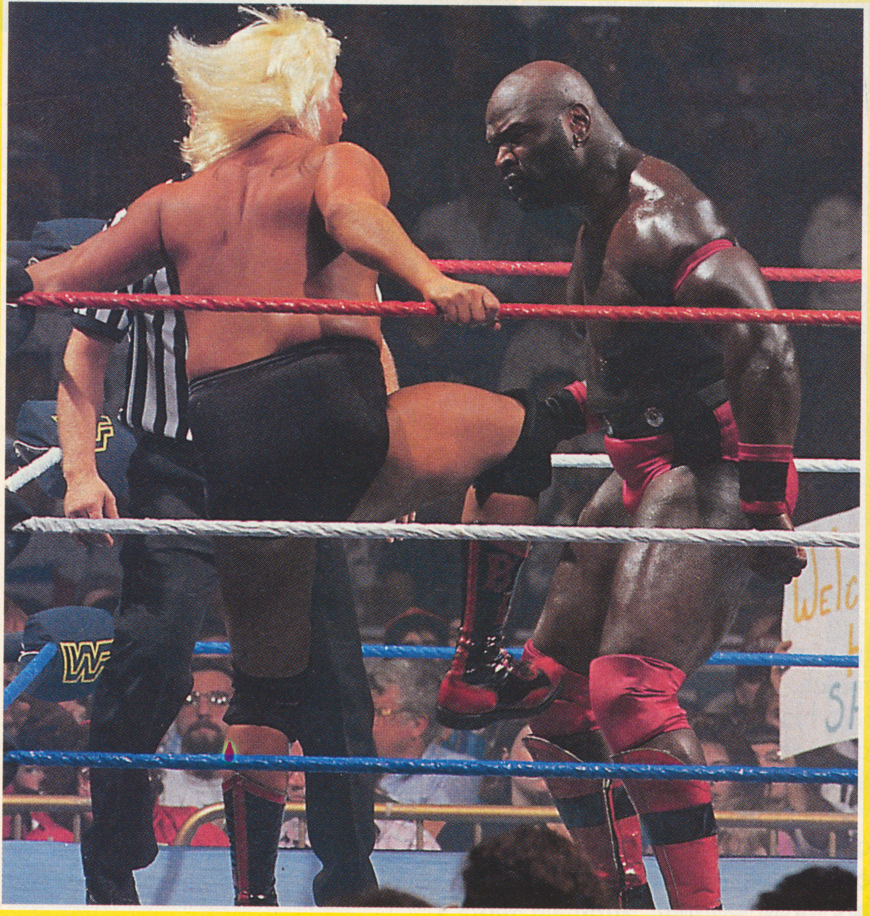


AHMED JOHNSON VS. BUDDY LANDEL

When doctors told Johnson's scheduled opponent Dean Douglas that his back injury would keep him out of action, he recruited his personal "graduate student" Landel as a substitute. Landel came at Johnson with chops and punches, not even fazing the big man. Landel next tried launching himself off the turnbuckles, but Johnson caught him and drove his spine into the canvas. Tiring of the exercise, Ahmed powerbombed his adversary, logged the victory and gave Douglas a spanking—with his own paddle—at ringside.

After the match, Double J Jeff Jarrett—who had returned to the World Wrestling Federation that night—cracked the gold CD of his song *With My Baby Tonight* over Johnson's head, and color commentator Jerry "The King" Lawler pummeled him with a chair. Johnson recovered and brawled on the way back to the dressing room with Double J.





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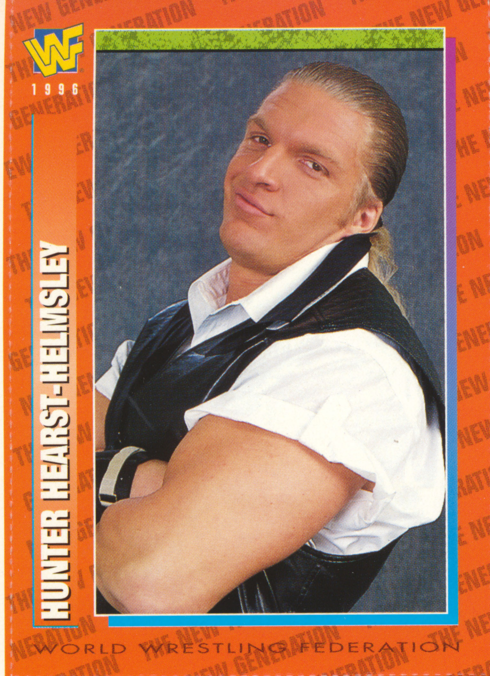
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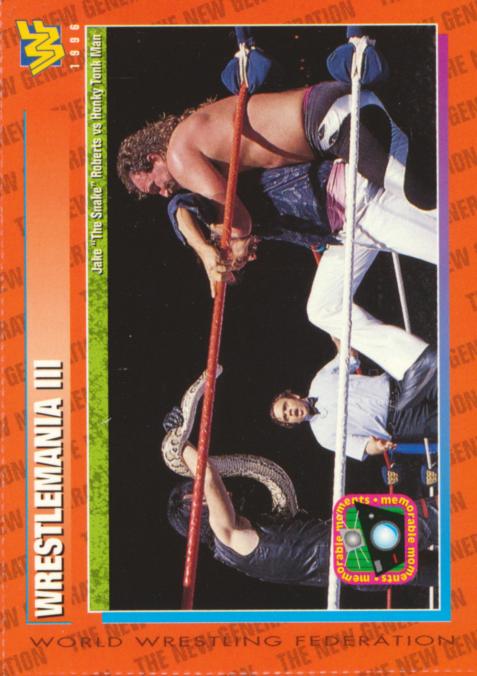
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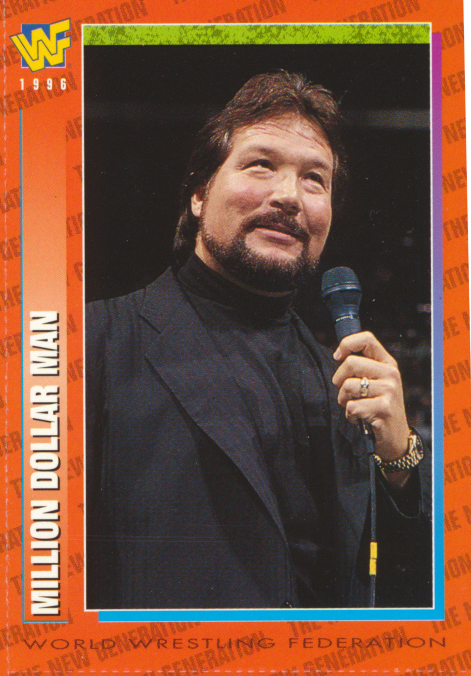
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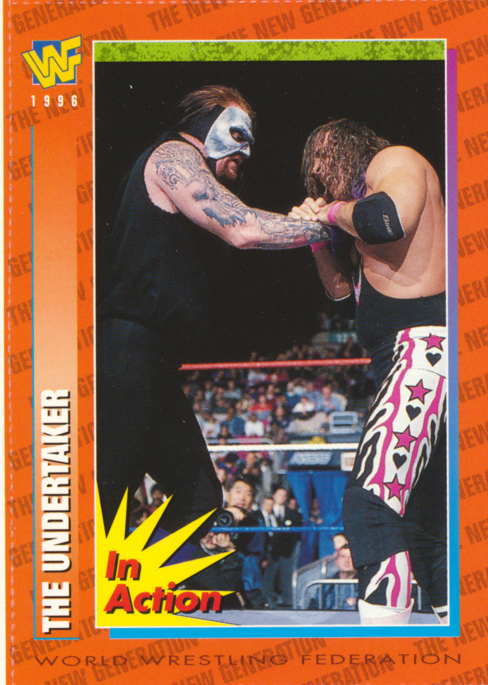
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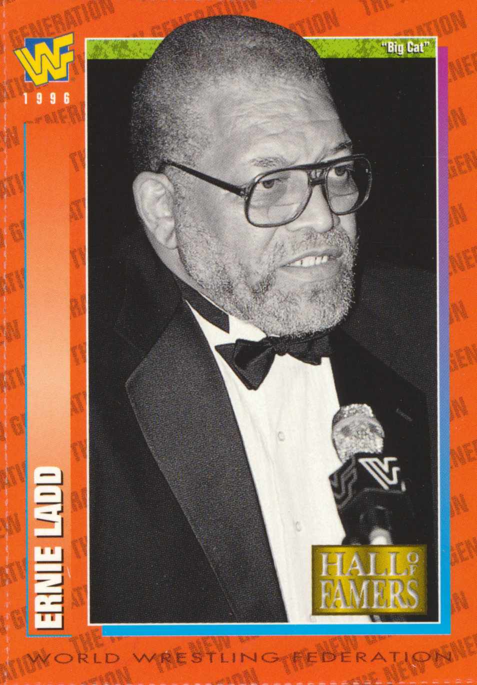
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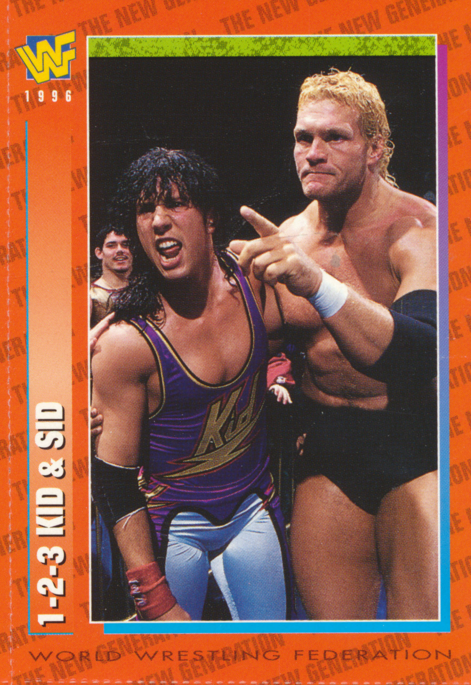
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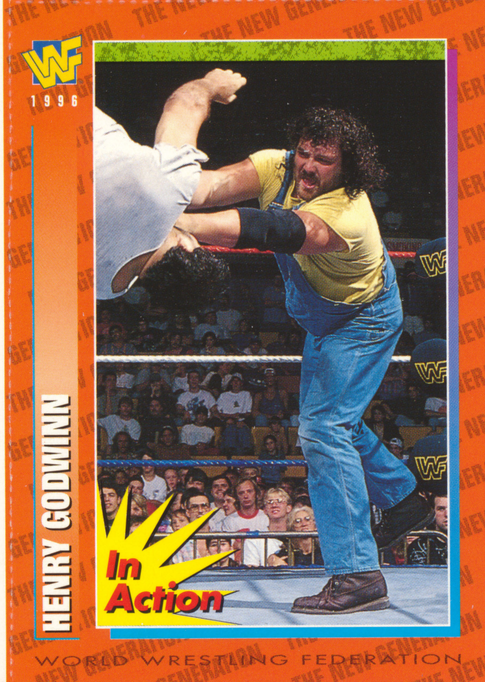
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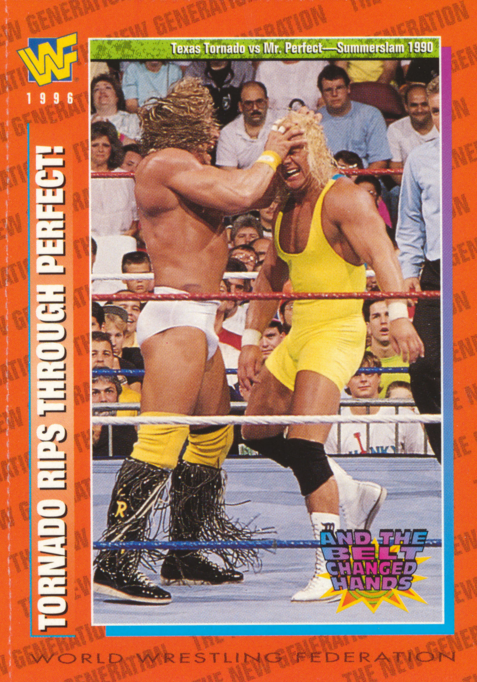
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One of the most astute businessmen on the scene today, Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase recently conducted a restructuring of his monetary empire to ensure that the Million Dollar Corporation would be one of the richest entities in the world! With the recent purchases of the 1-2-3 Kid and the Million Dollar Champion, DiBiase vows that he will be making money "even faster than I can count it!"

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WRESTLEMANIA III®

Jake "The Snake" Roberts vs Honky Tonk Man

Pontiac, MI—Out to avenge a "guitar" beating courtesy of Honky Tonk Man, Jake "The Snake" Roberts SSSSigned on the dotted line—with poisonous venom—to meet the Memphis bad boy at WrestleMania III. With rock star Alice Cooper in his corner, Roberts dominated the match until Honky Tonk—with help from the ring ropes—shocked the world by pinning the Snake Man.

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HUNTER HEARST-HELMSLEY™

HEIGHT:
6' 4"

WEIGHT:
246 pounds

FROM:
Greenwich, CT

TITLES HELD:
– None as of press time

MOTTO:
"If this country had a 'Royal' family—I would be it!"

BIO FACT:
With his Pedigree finisher, Hearst-Helmsley has gone through foes "quicker than my parents go through servants"!

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1-2-3 KID™ & SID™

Many critics are saying that the recently formed Million Dollar Team of the 1-2-3 Kid and Psycho Sid may be the most dangerous duo in the history of the World Wrestling Federation! Fueled by a unique blend of the Kid's speed, quickness and agility and Sid's raw power and brute strength, these two individuals are carving out a path of destruction that may eventually lead to the Federation gold!

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As an NFL legend, Ernie Ladd had quarterbacks shivering in their cleats. In the Federation, it was no different—only his foes were jumping out of their boots! Ladd initially wrestled in the off-season, but once he left the NFL, wrestling was a full-time job! Notorious for poking foes in the throat with his taped thumb, he was a regular contender for the Federation Championship.

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Following a severe beating at the mitts of King Mabel, the Undertaker made a triumphant return to the World Wrestling Federation in "deadly" fashion at the '95 Survivor Series. Sporting a protective "death mask," he singlehandedly eliminated the opposing team of "Royals." That triumph then led to a casket match at In Your House, where the Reaper lay the Lyin' King to rest once and for all!

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BROTHER LOVE™

HEIGHT:
6'

WEIGHT:
255 pounds

FROM:
Unknown

MOTTO:
"I looove yooou!"

BIO FACT:
"Brothers and sisters, I am here on a mission to spread the word of looove." Those are the words of Federation preacher Brother Love. The question remains: Will he live by those words OR—ultimately—DIE by them?!

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Texas Tornado vs Mr. Perfect—Summerslam 1990

TORNADO RIPS THROUGH PERFECT!

Philadelphia, PA—Out to make a name for himself in the World Wrestling Federation, newcomer Kerry Von Erich, alias the Texas Tornado, shocked Mr. Perfect Curt Hennig—AND the world—when he pinned the "flawless one" at SummerSlam '90, en route to capturing the Intercontinental Title. Tragically, Von Erich passed away a only few years later.

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If anyone can bring home the bacon in the World Wrestling Federation, it's Henry Godwinn. A pig farmer from Bitters, Arkansas, Godwinn claims that he is in HOG HEAVEN every time he steps into the squared pen—or, eh, circle. "That's right. That rasslin' ring is just like home to Henry Godwinn. The only thing that's missin' is the mud, the slop and ol' Priscilla and Potbelly!"

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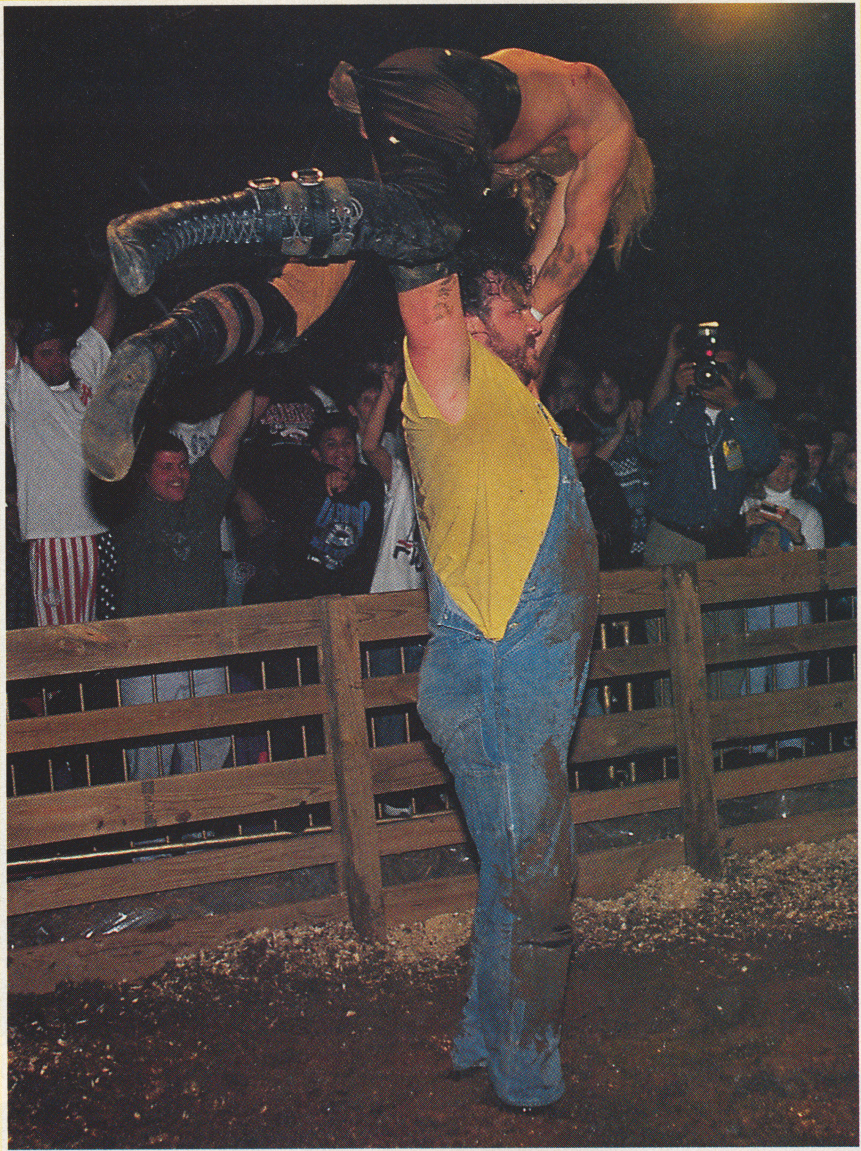


HOG PEN MATCH: HUNTER HEARST-HELMSLEY VS. HENRY O. GODWINN

Hillbilly Jim, a World Wrestling Federation standout in the '80s, was the special referee for this battle in which the loser had to be deposited in a muddy hog pen.

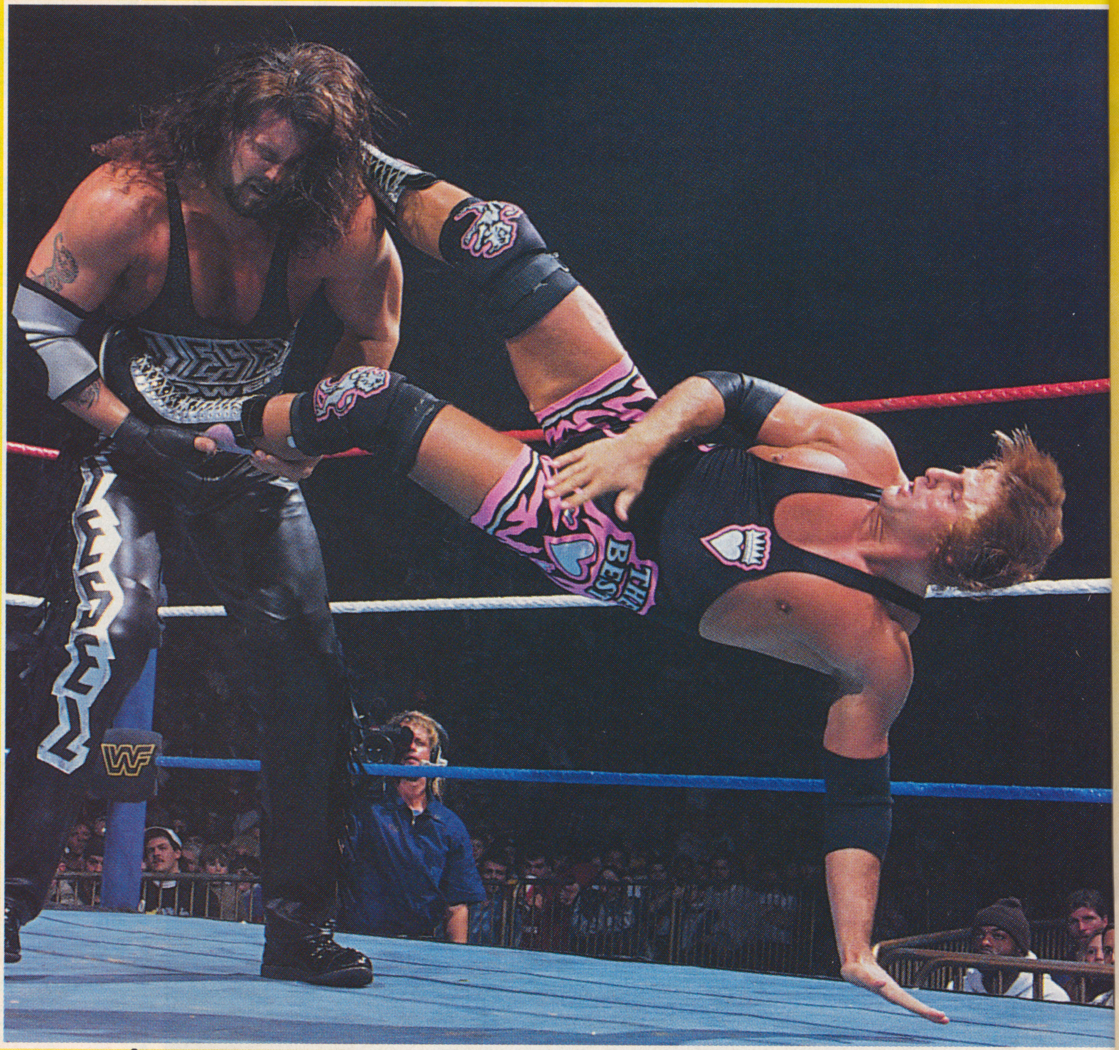
The match got off to a messy start, with Godwinn tossing his slop bucket at his foe and drenching the ring attendant. Moments later, H.O.G. tied his opponent in the ropes and shoved a handful of slop in his face.

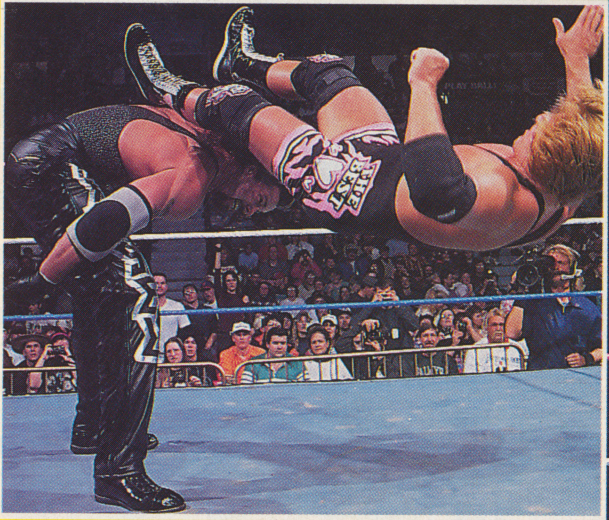
The battle spilled down the aisle toward the hog pen. Helmsley tried whipping his opponent into the filth den, but H.O.G. crashed against the gate. Then Helmsley survived an attempt to backflip him into the mess by landing on the fence. After resuming their fight in the ring, H.O.G. disabled Helmsley in the aisle with a slop drop. But when the pig farmer charged his foe, Helmsley backdropped him into the hog pen, maintaining an unbeaten streak. Before the "American Pedigree" could gloat, Godwinn pressed his rival over the shoulders and planted him in the mud.

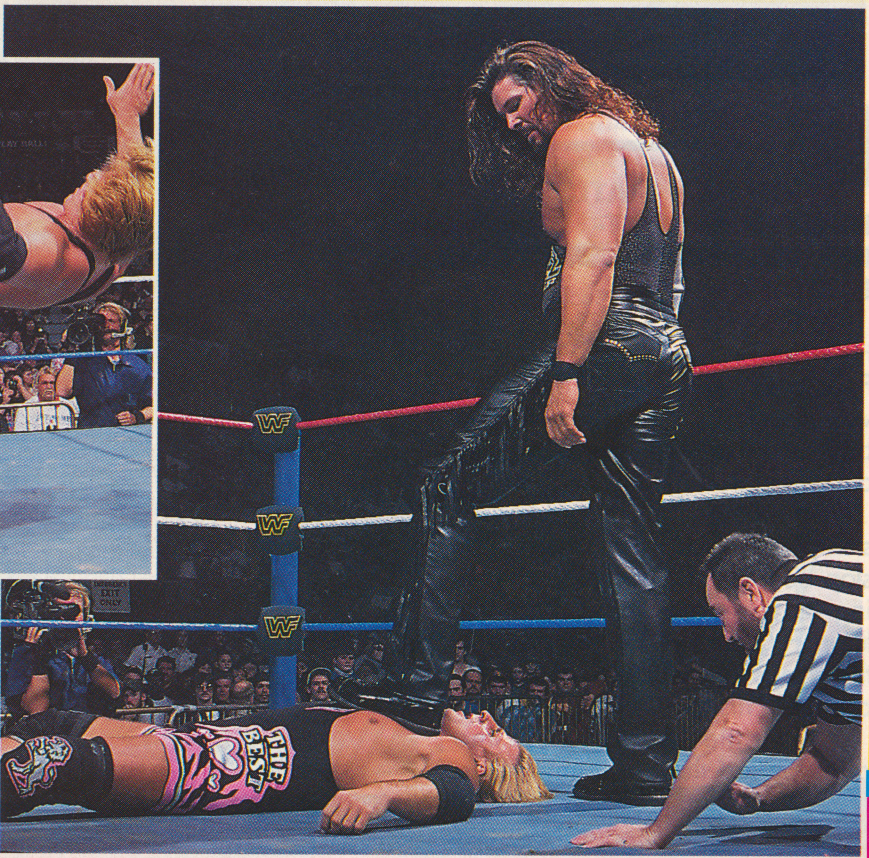
DIESEL VS. OWEN HART

Owen tried to offset Diesel's size with speed and aerial assaults, delivering a dropkick from the top ropes and a crescent kick to the back of the head. Diesel responded with his own signature maneuvers: a big boot to the face and a Jackknife. Big Daddy Cool placed a foot on his prone foe's chest, but he removed it at the last second, as a way of extending the punishment.

Diesel went for a second Jackknife as referee Tim White moved in to question the former champion's tactics. Diesel shoved the official to the mat—earning an immediate disqualification—and executed the move anyway. As Owen's manager Jim Cornette rushed in to assist his unconscious protegé, Diesel dedicated the win to his good friend Shawn Michaels and demanded a title shot in the very near future.





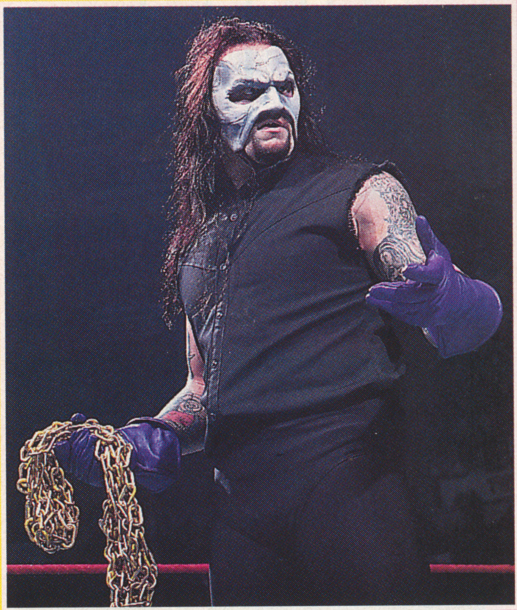


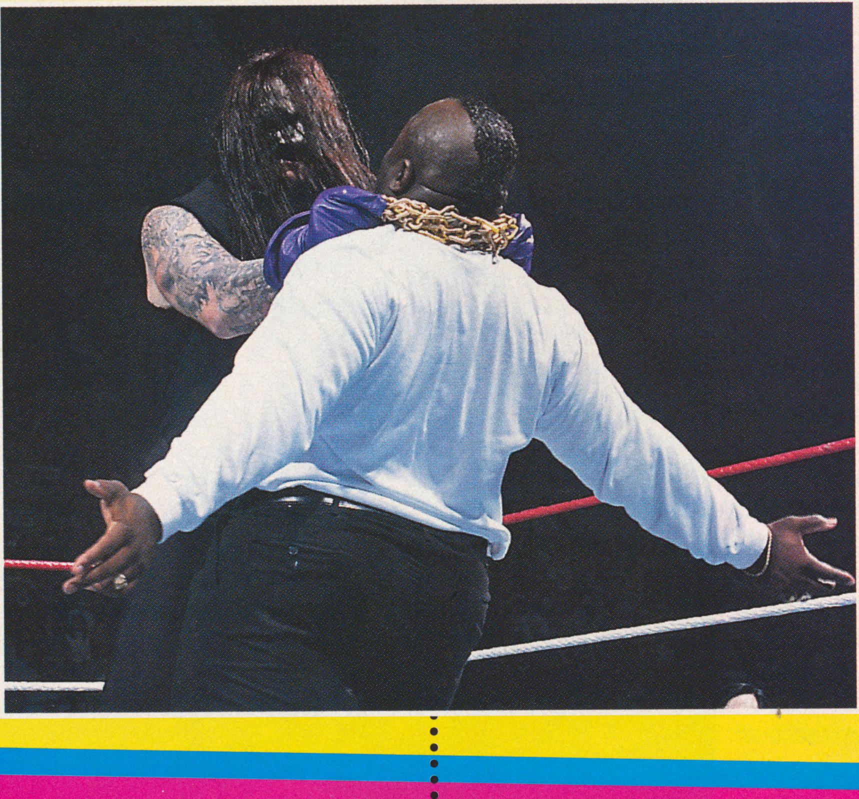
CASKET MATCH: THE UNDERTAKER VS. KING MABEL

This clash was as vicious as the pair's previous encounters. With the rules stipulating that the loser be placed in a graffiti-covered casket, Undertaker squashed Mabel in the corner. King Mabel countered with a spike slam, then tried a splash from the second rope. Just before impact, Undertaker sat up, and his adversary careened into the mat. Mabel came right back with a belly-to-belly suplex, followed by a legdrop and splash.

Outside the ring, Mabel's partner Sir Mo picked up Undertaker and dumped him into the casket, but the interloper forgot to shut the lid. As Mabel put on his crown and started to celebrate, a revived Undertaker rose from the coffin and flew at him, delivering a chokeslam and kick. Mabel tumbled into the casket. Undertaker now tried to close the top, but Mo snuck up and attacked him. The Man from the Dark Side turned, strangled Mo with his chunky gold chain, delivered another chokeslam and rolled him into the coffin with his partner.

The World Wrestling Federation's Grim Reaper stepped into the box to retrieve the gold chain—made from the source of the Undertaker's power, his urn—and slammed the lid shut. With the power of the Undertaker again its owner's hands, the Pale Warrior announced that he intended to meet the winner of the night's World Wrestling Federation championship bout at the *Royal Rumble*. WF





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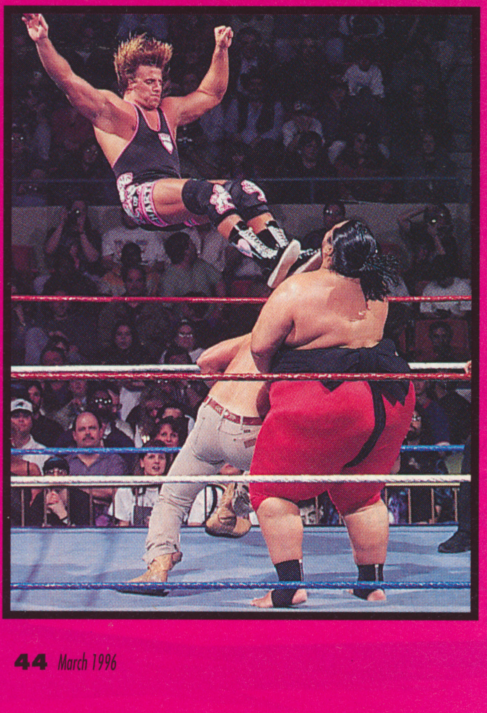
ARE THEY STILL

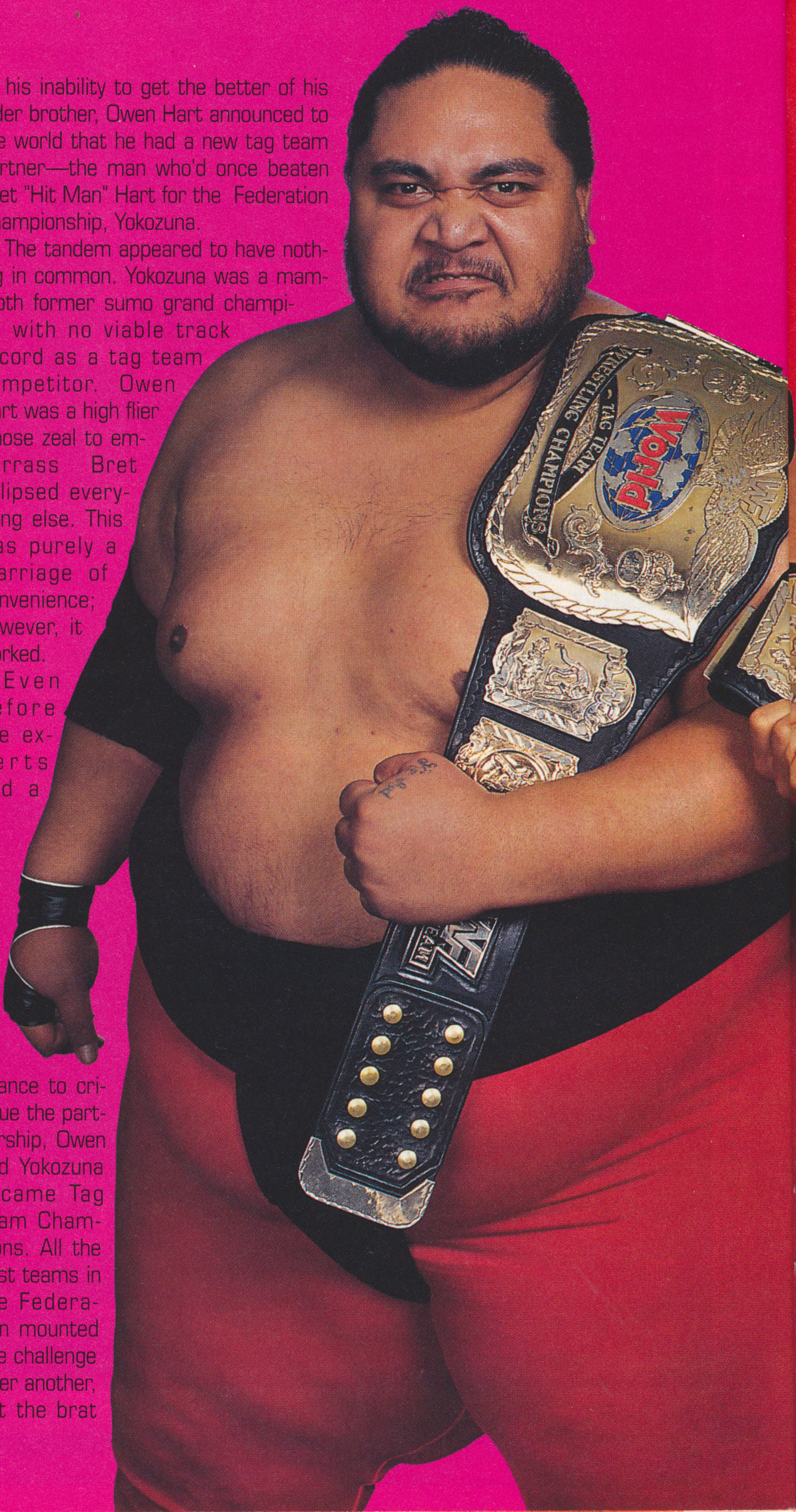
By Keith Elliot Greenberg

The move seemed impulsive and foolish—the tantrum of a spoiled child who couldn't have his way. Frustrated by his inability to get the better of his older brother, Owen Hart announced to the world that he had a new tag team partner—the man who'd once beaten Bret "Hit Man" Hart for the Federation Championship, Yokozuna.

The tandem appeared to have nothing in common. Yokozuna was a mammoth former sumo grand champion with no viable track record as a tag team competitor. Owen Hart was a high flier whose zeal to embarrass Bret eclipsed everything else. This was purely a marriage of convenience; however, it worked.

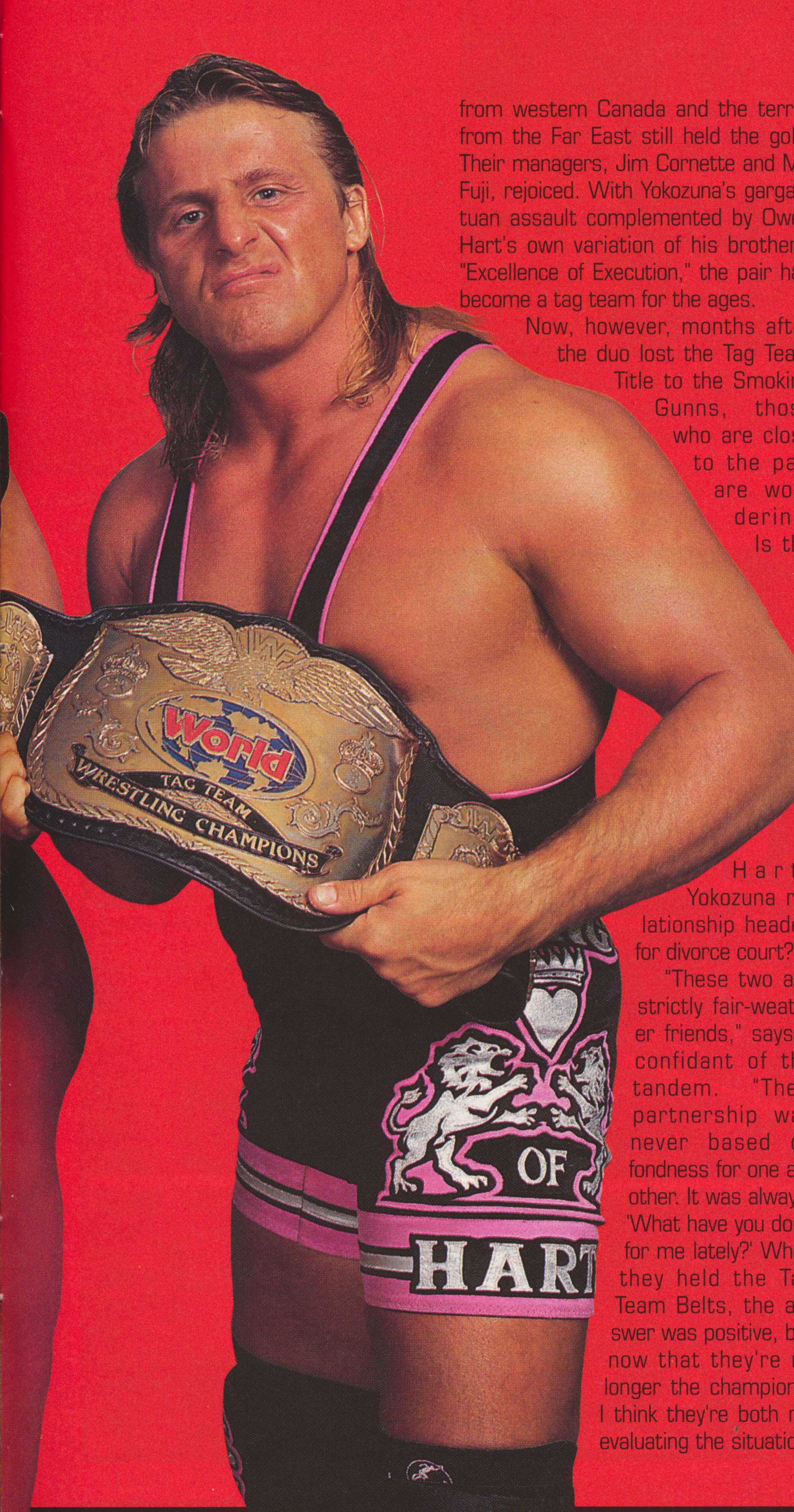
Even before the experts had a chance to critique the partnership, Owen and Yokozuna became Tag Team Champions. All the best teams in the Federation mounted one challenge after another, but the brat





OKOZUNA

...ON THE SAME SIDE?



from western Canada and the terror from the Far East still held the gold. Their managers, Jim Cornette and Mr. Fuji, rejoiced. With Yokozuna's gargantuan assault complemented by Owen Hart's own variation of his brother's "Excellence of Execution," the pair had become a tag team for the ages.

Now, however, months after the duo lost the Tag Team Title to the Smoking Gunns, those who are close to the pair are wondering: Is the Hart-Yokozuna relationship headed for divorce court?

"These two are strictly fair-weather friends," says a confidant of the tandem. "Their partnership was never based on fondness for one another. It was always, 'What have you done for me lately?' When they held the Tag Team Belts, the answer was positive, but now that they're no longer the champions, I think they're both re-evaluating the situation. I mean, why should they ever wrestle together again if they no longer believe the affiliation is in anyone's interest?"

Over the last several months, observers have noticed a less than unified front in the former champions' camp. There have been several loud shouting contests in the dressing room, with Fuji and Cornette jumping between the pair before the altercations accelerated. And numerous times the teammates have exchanged shoves and threats in the ring.

Jim Cornette dismisses the rumors as "the hype of yellow journalists who don't have a life. I guess they feel this need to pick on people superior to

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them to build up their small egos."

Confronted with photos of the partners standing furiously nose to nose, the manager scoffs, "No relationship grows unless it's challenged. You don't have to be a marriage counselor to figure that out. Owen and Yokozuna are perfectionists at everything they do, and they tend to get a little agitated when things don't click a hundred percent of the time. Is that a team on the verge of breaking up forever? I'd call it a team that won't settle for anything but the best."

Even the duo's foes believe Yokozuna and Hart are capable of winning back the belts at any time. But would they still have the spark to defend the belts night after night? Or would they be much better off splintering as a unit—once and for all—with each pursuing the prize that means most to them: the Federation Championship.

"If you look back on Owen and Yokozuna's finest moments, you'll notice they occurred when Diesel held the Federation Title," notes one source. "Look, neither guy loved Diesel, but there was no emotion involved with his holding the championship. Now Bret's the champion again, and that creates a whole different equation. Both Owen and Yoko have it in for Bret, for their own reasons. I'm convinced that as long as he's at the top of the Federation, neither man can think of anything but taking the belt away from him. And if that's where their heads are at, they don't have a chance of recapturing the Tag Team Title."

Yokozuna is widely regarded as the toughest man to ever hold the Federation Championship. Indeed, there's a popular perception that he is the one responsible for driving out a past Federation Champion and legend. The one-time sumo star and Bret have traded the title back and forth. Yoko is larger and meaner than he's ever been. This may be his time to win back the belt, but he can't have the quest for a Tag Team Championship distracting him.

As for Owen, his mission has long been to elevate himself to his brother's stature. During the Owen-Yokozuna title reign, the Hart brothers were regarded as equals. But now Hit Man's the champion for the third time—and Owen is beltless once again.

Even if Hart and Yokozuna once again attempt to—and do—snare the tag belts, Owen will not enjoy the same level of fame as his brother. The Federation Champion enjoys a place in the spotlight apart from the rest of the sports world. If Owen's goal in forming the tag team was to outshine his celebrated sibling, now he must dissolve the partnership—once and for all—to achieve that very same end.

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SQUARED CIRCLE SHOCKER OF '95
☐ Bob Backlund announces candidacy ☐ Barry Horowitz wins ☐ The debut of Goldust
☐ 1-2-3 Kid sells out on Razor Ramon ☐ Shawn Michaels collapses on Monday Night Raw

BEST THREADS
☐ Ted DiBiase ☐ Goldust ☐ Hunter Hearst-Helmsley ☐ Shawn Michaels ☐ Mr. Perfect

BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL AWARD: FASHION FLOP
☐ Jim Cornette ☐ Harvey Wippleman ☐ Henry Godwinn ☐ Brother Love ☐ Dok Hendrix

BEST BUNS
☐ Goldust ☐ Sunny of the Body Donnas ☐ Yokozuna ☐ Shawn Michaels ☐ Razor Ramon

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☐ Diesel ☐ Bret Hart ☐ Shawn Michaels ☐ Undertaker ☐ Goldust

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MINDS BEHIND THE MAYHEM AWARD (MANAGER OF THE YEAR)
☐ Paul Bearer ☐ Jim Cornette ☐ Ted DiBiase ☐ Sunny of the Body Donnas ☐ Mr. Fuji

PUT A FORK IN HIM HE'S DONE AWARD (BEST FINISHING MOVE)
☐ Yokozuna's Banzai Drop ☐ Bret Hart's Sharpshooter ☐ Undertaker's Tombstone
☐ Diesel's Jackknife ☐ Ahmed Johnson's Pearl River Plunge

MASTER OF MAT MECHANICS AWARD (BEST TECHNICIAN)
☐ Shawn Michaels ☐ British Bulldog ☐ Bret Hart ☐ Owen Hart ☐ 1-2-3 Kid

MATCH OF THE YEAR
☐ Bam Bam Bigelow / Lawrence Taylor - WrestleMania XI
☐ Razor Ramon / Shawn Michaels Ladder Match - SummerSlam '95
☐ Diesel / Bret Hart - '95 Survivor Series
☐ Hunter Hearst-Helmsley / Henry Godwinn - Hog Pen Match - In Your House
☐ Howard Finkel / Harvey Wippleman - Monday Night RAW

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☐ Diesel ☐ Bret Hart ☐ Shawn Michaels ☐ Razor Ramon ☐ Undertaker

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THE RING MASTER

HEIGHT:

6'1"

WEIGHT:

245 pounds

STRENGTHS:

The Ring Master wasn't chosen by Ted DiBiase at random. DiBiase searched for a gladiator, and in the Ring Master, the manager found an athlete for the 21st century and a specialist of the ringside brawl.

WEAKNESSES:

The Ring Master is virtually untested in the Federation. Although he's achieved a good deal of acclaim in his journeys elsewhere, he's never played in the big leagues before.

KEY WINS:

The first time the Ring Master had his hand raised in the Federation, fans knew they were witnessing a special type of competitor. He'd been schooled in the art of applying the Million Dollar Dream by DiBiase and obviously learned his lessons well.

KEY LOSSES:

None. Since he has only been in the Federation a short time, he has yet to suffer the indignity of having his shoulders pinned to the mat.

FINISHING MOVE:

The Ring Master favors the Million Dollar Dream. DiBiase invested much time and energy showing his student how to perfect the maneuver, and some claim the Ring Master's version outshines that of his teacher.

STRATEGY:

Whatever hostility the Ring Master holds inside him would be vented on his mentor. He has a chip on his shoulder. Before he entered the Federation, he believed his skills were overlooked. Now that the spotlight is on him, he's out to confirm that his detractors were wrong.

Recently Ted DiBiase unveiled a protegé he claimed personified his extravagant ideals: the Ring Master. In a clash between DiBiase and his cohort, the Ring Master would have more to prove than ever before. He'd be likely to come at DiBiase with so much more force that DiBiase would find himself—uncharacteristically—on the defensive for much of the match. If the Ring Master could shatter his manager's psychological assault, DiBiase would soon find himself on the run. Then, in the ultimate display of the

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HOW THEY MATCH UP

student vanquishing his teacher, the Ring Master would be positioned to conquer his manager with the Million Dollar Dream.

WHAT'S YOUR PREDICTION?

MILLION DOLLAR MAN TED DIBIASE

HEIGHT:

6'3"

WEIGHT:

256 pounds

STRENGTHS:

DiBiase lives by the philosophy that "everybody has a price for the Million Dollar Man." On one occasion, he purchased the Federation Title (authorities intervened, and the merger was immediately voided). However, below the hype, DiBiase was always an excellent wrestler.

WEAKNESSES:

Always able to dip into his bank account to find somebody to watch his back, his actual wrestling skills may have dimmed. Despite his natural talent, he was periodically branded cowardly, lazy and unable to take the heat.

KEY WINS:

In 1979 DiBiase was the Federation's first North American Champion. By year's end, the title was known as the Intercontinental Championship. He'd team up with IRS 13 years later to begin the first of three Tag Team Title reigns.

KEY LOSSES:

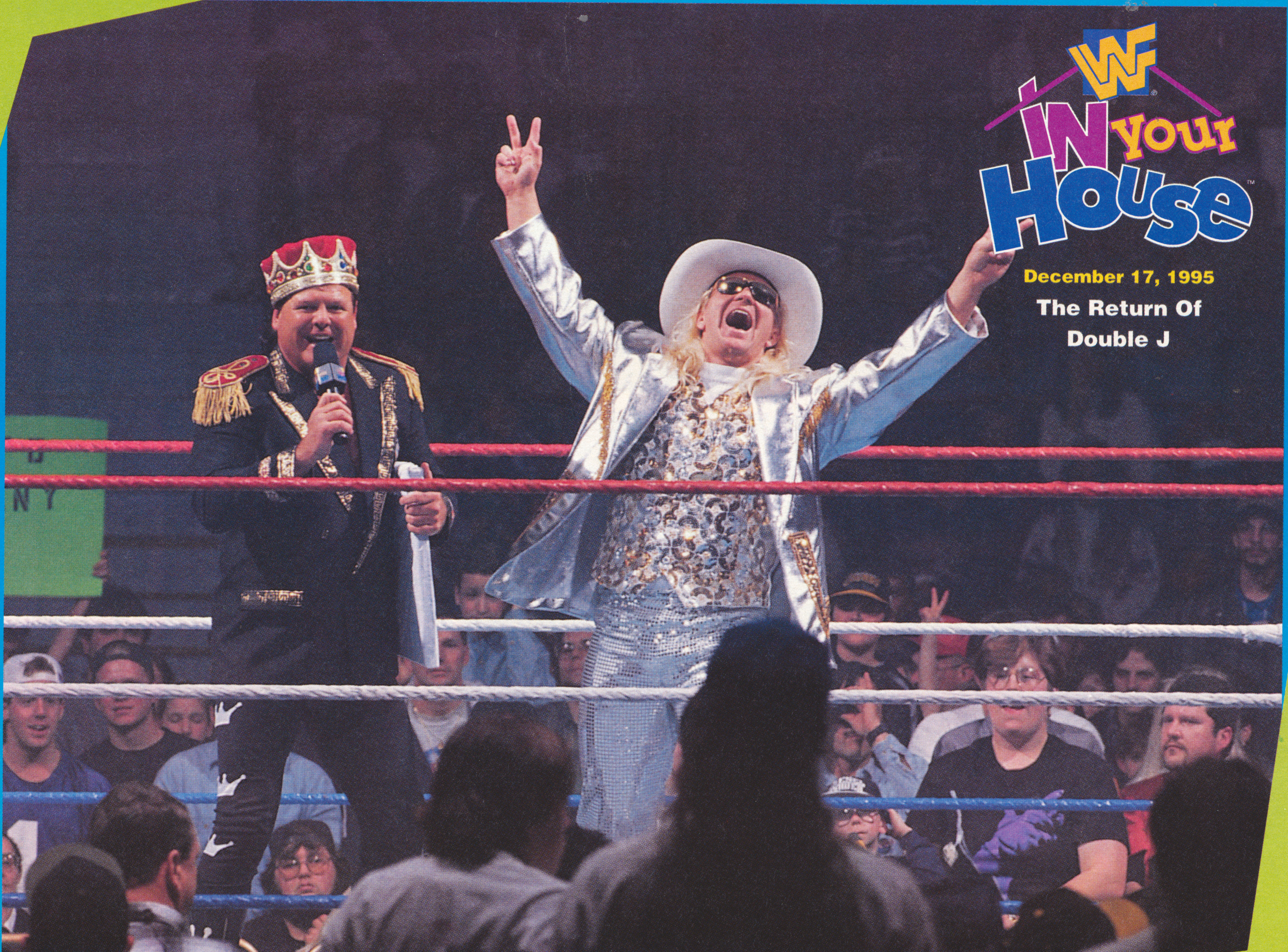
On June 14, 1993, DiBiase and IRS lost the belts to the Steiner Brothers. Two nights later they recaptured them, but three nights after that, the title again slipped away from them.

FINISHING MOVE:

The majority of DiBiase's victories were achieved with the Million Dollar Dream, his deadly sleeperhold variation.

STRATEGY:

DiBiase would go in with the psychological advantage. After all, it was DiBiase's cash that brought the Ring Master to the Federation. DiBiase taught his protegé the Million Dollar Dream. The Ring Master might have perfected the hold, but the Million Dollar Man created it.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WILL THE "PERFECT" STORY

HAVE THE "PERFECT" ENDING?

ONLY PERFECT KNOWS

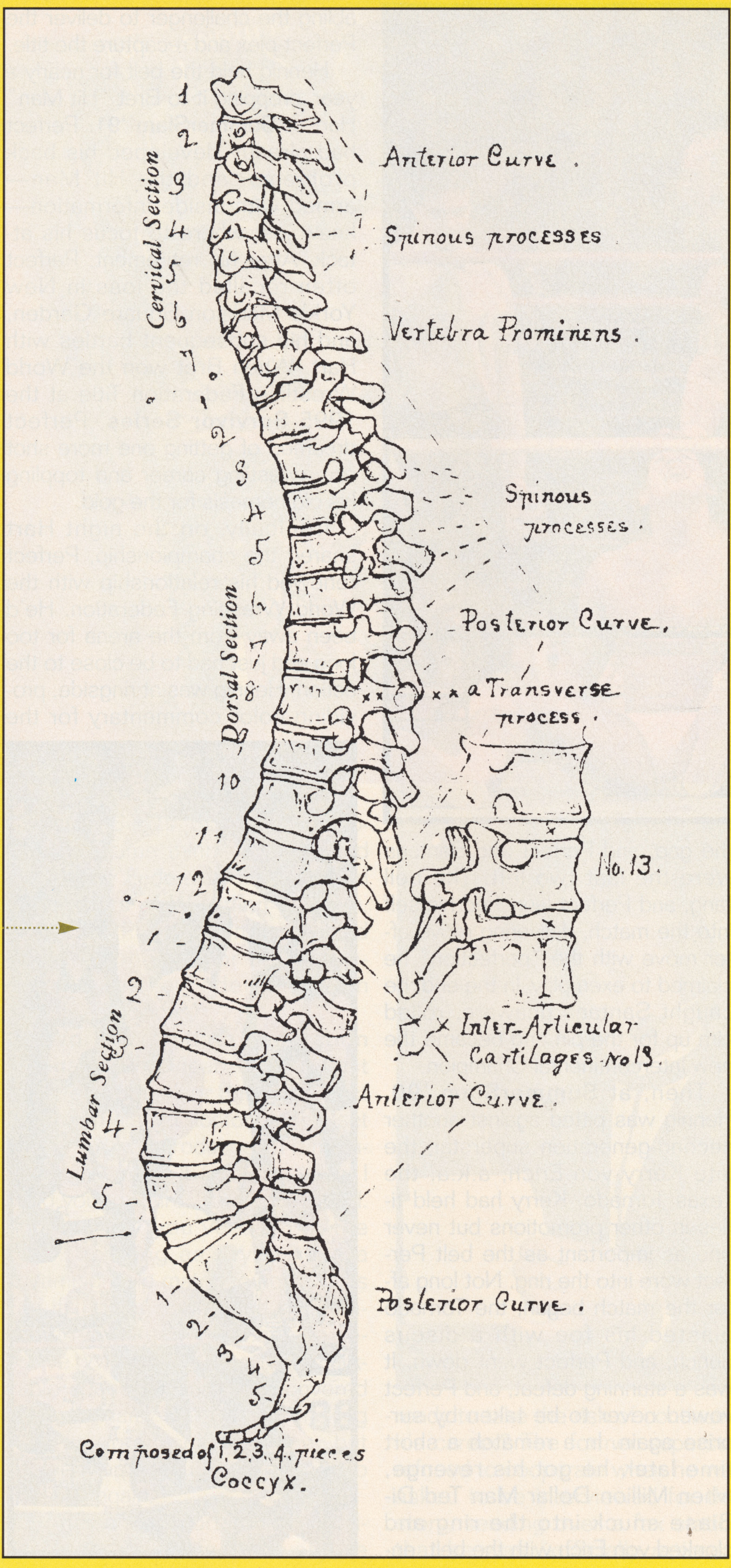
By Keith Elliot Greenberg

The X-rays seemed to put a seal on a Perfect career.

It was a bitterly cold day when Curt Hennig—the wrestler known as Mr. Perfect—stood in a doctor's office contemplating the sad prognosis. Perfect's back was battered. His two World Wrestling Federation Intercontinental Title reigns had greatly contributed to an already chronic condition.

"I know the kind of guy you are," the doctor began. "You think you know the answers, but this is my arena here, and I'm giving you the facts. You're a brave man in the ring, and now you're paying the price. All those maneuvers from turnbuckles, all those dives over the top rope, all those Irish whips into the guardrail have taken their toll. Either you stop getting in the ring, or that back condition is going to do you in. Ten years from now, people are going to watch you struggle just to get across the room and tell their kids, 'You see that guy over there. They used to call him Mr. Perfect.'"

The mat legend couldn't believe the assessment. He was the son of Larry "The Ax" Hennig, a wrestler renowned as a tough guy in and out of the ring. The Ax didn't raise his boy to turn soft in the face of adversity. Perfect kept the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conversation secret and continued competing in the squared circle. However, it was getting harder to execute the Perfect-plex—a finisher that required a strong spine to suplex an opponent to the mat, then execute a neck bridge as the referee was registering the three-count. And Perfect's adversaries were beginning to catch on. They'd notice him favoring his back in the heat of a match and would target the vulnerable area.

Perfect contacted the World Wrestling Federation board of directors and gave them the doctor's forecast. A "Perfect" career was coming to an end under less than "Perfect" circumstances. The two-time Intercontinental titlist was going to retire—but with one condition. He wanted his departure from the World Wrestling Federation kept quiet. The fans would remember Mr. Perfect as the brilliant mat technician who'd always come up with a counter-maneuver, the cocky competitor who chewed gum as he wrestled, the second generation ruffian who blended his father's meanness with a modern sense of style.

The situation worsened, and Perfect again visited his doctor. "I gave you advice, and you ignored it," the man said. "I turn on my television set on Saturday mornings, and there you are, bouncing all over the ring. What are you trying to prove? You're a future Hall of Famer! You keep this stuff up, and we'll be wheeling you around in six months. This is a critical situation!"

"Perfect didn't want anybody to know the truth," recalls a wrestler who sometimes traveled with the celebrated grappler from city to city. "One day he was sitting in the

dressing room, joking around with the guys. The next day he was gone. No testimonials from his friends and foes. No press release from the World Wrestling Federation public relations machine. I tried calling Mr. Perfect one time, but he changed his number. I guess he just didn't want to look back."

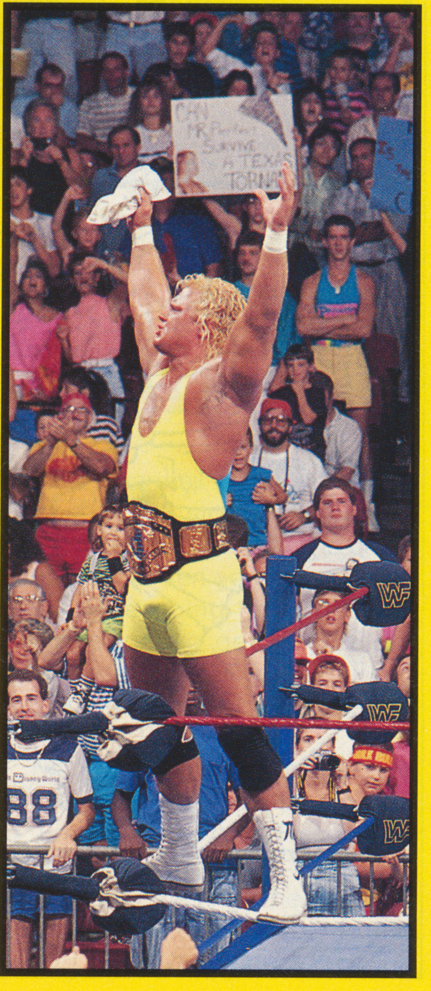
Perfect tried to live a normal life, a difficult challenge for a man who'd spent much of his adulthood commanding headlines. He took long vacations with his family, fished and watched sports. Every day he found his way into the gym, rebuilding his strength as he thought back on his finest moments between the ropes.

There was the night in 1990 when he stood across the ring and locked eyes with El Matador, Tito Santana. The Ultimate Warrior had relinquished his Intercontinental Championship when he won the Federation Belt at **WrestleMania VI**. A tournament was held to fill the gap, and Perfect and Santana were the last two left. The bell rang, and Perfect launched himself into the match, delivering move after move with the "perfection" he claimed to exemplify. In the end, he caught Santana unaware, rolled him up for the pin and became the new Intercontinental Champion.

Then, at **SummerSlam '90**, Hennig was pitted against another second-generation superstar, the late Kerry von Erich, a.k.a. the Texas Tornado. Kerry had held titles in other promotions but never one as important as the belt Perfect wore into the ring. Not long after the match began, the Tornado blasted his foe with a discus punch, and Perfect went down. It was a stunning defeat, and Perfect vowed never to be taken by surprise again. In a rematch a short time later, he got his revenge, when Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase snuck into the ring and clonked von Erich with the belt, enabling the challenger to deliver the Perfect-plex and recapture the title.

Hennig held the belt for nearly a year, dropping it to Bret "Hit Man" Hart at **SummerSlam '91**. Perfect had already developed his back problems, and the Hit Man—armed with inside information—knew just where to focus his attack. After his retirement, Perfect often recalled the loss in New York's Madison Square Garden, and his subsequent battles with Hart. When Bret won the World Wrestling Federation Title at the 1995 **Survivor Series**, Perfect dreamed of getting one more shot at a wrestling career and toppling his old nemesis for the gold.

Ironically, on the night Hart snared the championship, Perfect renewed his relationship with the World Wrestling Federation. He'd been away from the arena for too long and just had to be close to the action. Hennig was at ringside, providing color commentary for the



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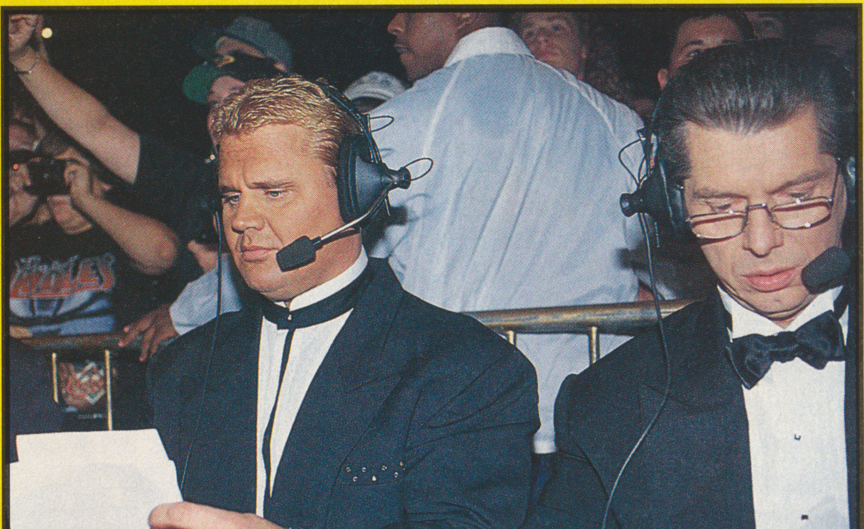
Survivor Series. Soon, he was doing the same thing on the World Wrestling Federation's syndicated **Superstars of Wrestling** program. Was Mr. Perfect content behind the microphone, or had he returned to the Federation with greater ambitions?

World Wrestling Federation Magazine has learned that, just before the **Survivor Series**, Perfect met with his old doctor. A new set of X-rays was produced. "I remember how much it hurt you when I told you to retire," the doctor said. "Every day you've been in the gym, training as if you have a championship match tomorrow. It's as if there's some kind of unfinished business you have to resolve. Well, you're a pretty remarkable specimen. You've recovered extraordinarily well. I'm not making you any promises right now, but come March, you may be ready to wrestle again."

After a long, torturous sabbatical, can Mr. Perfect actually be ready to take the risk of continuing his career? The former superstar refused to cooperate when he was asked to be interviewed for this story, sending over a fax stating that he was "officially retired." However, anyone who has followed his legacy has to wonder if the onetime master of the Perfectplex will be truly fulfilled unless his "Perfect" story has the "Perfect" ending. WF



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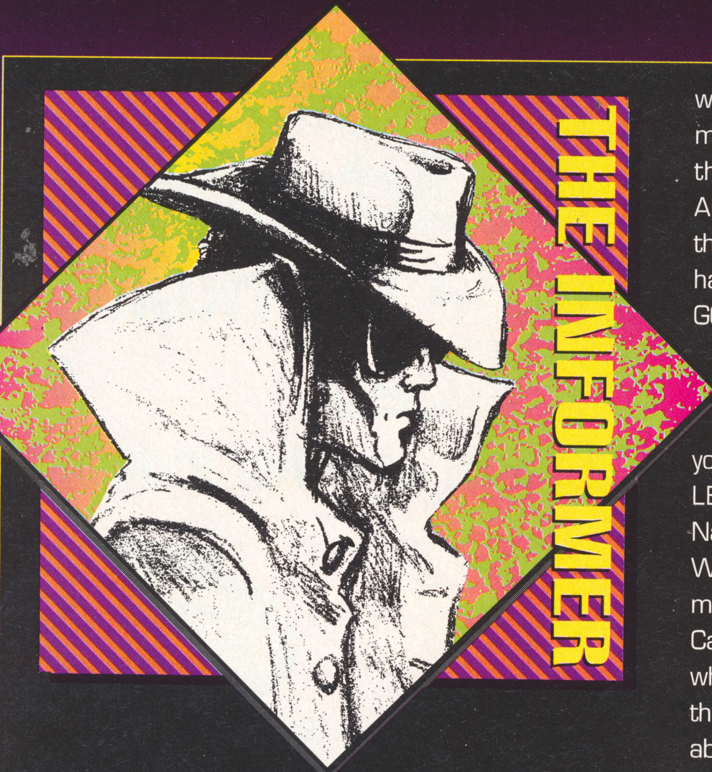

Perhaps the biggest showdown in the history of the Federation is about to occur! DIESEL and THE UNDERTAKER have been exchanging venom since the TAKER was named the Federation's No. 1 contender by interim President GORILLA MONSOON back in December. Now insiders tell me that the signing of the contract—which will allow these two legends to get it on at WRESTLEMANIA XII—is nothing more than a technicality! . . . Even though SHAWN MICHAELS may have come back to the ring a bit prematurely, there will be no rest for the weary! While he continues to keep on ticking despite taking a licking, his biggest challenge may yet lie ahead—and I'm not talking about BRET HART! Having faced BRET before, there is no doubt that SHAWN will be able to match up well against the EXCELLENCE OF EXECUTION when they meet in the ring. But what does MICHAELS know about the RINGMASTER STEVE AUSTIN? Pound for pound, AUSTIN may match up better with SHAWN MICHAELS than any other superstar on God's green earth! . . . If you haven't seen he, she or it, yet—YOU WILL! The bizarre GOLDUST will soon have a new "friend" who will accompany him to the ring!. . . KAMA was given his unconditional release from the Federation. . . Trust me when I tell you that BROTHER LOVE is not here to strictly entertain you!!!. . . Believe it or not—DOUBLE J JEFF JARRETT may LEGITIMATELY be signing a record deal with some Nashville country music producer/big wig. . . There is NO WAY that PSYCHO SID is going to bail the 1-2-3 KID out much longer! Look for SID to take the "Rebel with a Cause/Big Daddy Cool" approach sometime soon! AND, while we're on the subject, don't be surprised if you see those two behemoths TAG TEAM in the near future! Talk about ARMAGEDDON!. . . I predict that within the next two years SUNNY will be wealthier than the MILLION DOLLAR MAN TED DIBIASE. Green-wise AND employee-wise!. . . I hear that VINCE MCMAHON is letting anybody in to see him these days!. . . Until next time. . .

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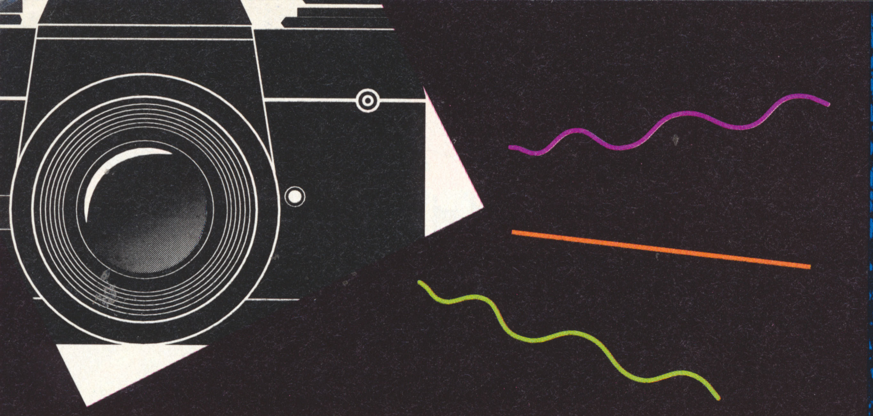

private eye

There are no fri to Milton Bradl

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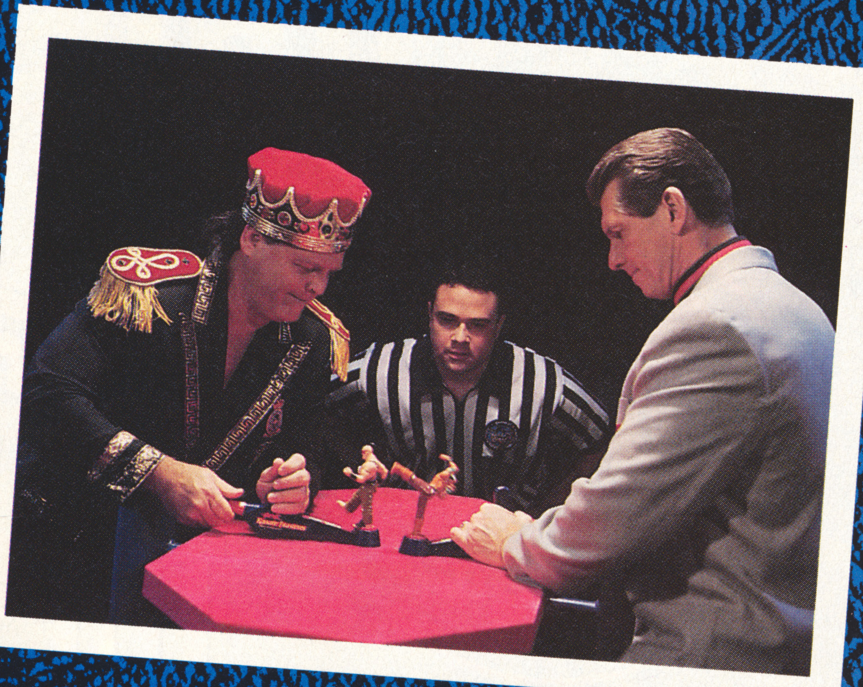


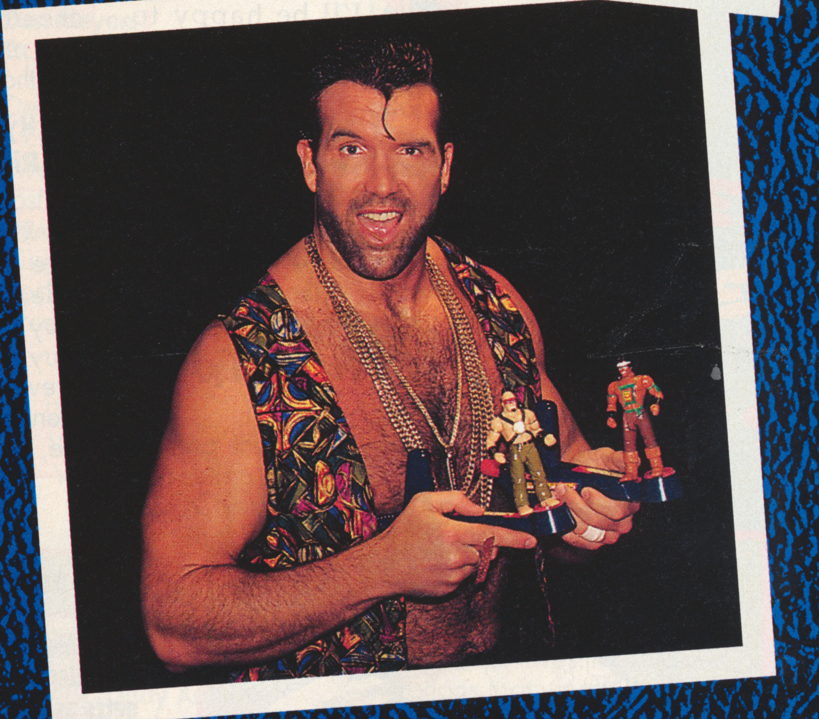
Recently, various World Wrestling Federation superstars participated in a number of promotion vignettes that were produced to help promote Milton Bradley's Karate Fighters. To the surprise of those involved, what started out as a friendly, fun-filled competition turned into an all-out, no-holds-barred war by the time that the shoot was a wrap!

In a unique card that we would probably never see anywhere else (but then again, who knows?—anything can happen in the World Wrestling Federation), superstars paired off and battled in head-to-head competition, where only those possessing a fast flick of the fingers would survive!

In the opening contest, a "good ol' time" between two brothers turned into a brouhaha of bad blood when Billy and Bart Gunn took center ring and exchanged a barrage of kicks and punches between their Karate Fighters. In the end, it was Billy who bested his brother, even though Bart promised revenge as he rode off into the sunset.

Following that cowboy clash, up next was a battle of world dominance as the USA's "Battlin'" Barry Horowitz locked horns with the martial artist sensation from the Far East, Hakushi. While Hakushi had the clear advantage—let's face it, he'd been studying karate since

ends when it comes ey's Karate Fighters



he was a child—it was the underdog Horowitz who scored the dramatic victory. Following the battle, the two exchanged a few heated words. However, they made up shortly thereafter and went out for sushi on Milton Bradley.

Last, but certainly not least, the main event followed as Vince McMahon and Jerry "The King" Lawler met mike-to-mike in the "Battle of the Big Mouths"—um, I mean announcers—sorry, Vince. These two broadcast behemoths went at it crown and hairpiece until Lawler kicked McMahon's feet right out from underneath him, scoring the victory! BUT WAIT! THERE WAS CONTROVERSY! In a fit of rage, McMahon called to see the instant replay, and in what was an astounding turn of events, the replay CLEARLY indicated that the King had cheated. Lawler had taped his Karate Fighter's foot to its play base, thus making it next to impossible to knock his kung-fu master down!

"This is an outrage!" cried the King as the decision was overturned. "I could beat McMahon any day of the week! I mean, I didn't see him get penalized for taping his hair to his head!"

Left: (top) Vince McMahon and Jerry Lawler square off, while (bottom) the Smoking Gunns get ready to rumble as Promotions Director David Sahadi and Account Executive Shane McMahon look on. Right: (top) Later on in the shoot, Billy and Bart bear down, (center) Razor Ramon looks for a challenger and (below) Sahadi takes a crack at the 1-2-3 Kid as Producer Chris Chambers calls the action.

PIN 'em DOWN

Q: Owen Hart, can you describe your match with your brother Bret at WrestleMania X?

Kimberly Hehling
Merrill, WI

A: I'll be happy to, ROCKET SCIENTIST!

I WON,

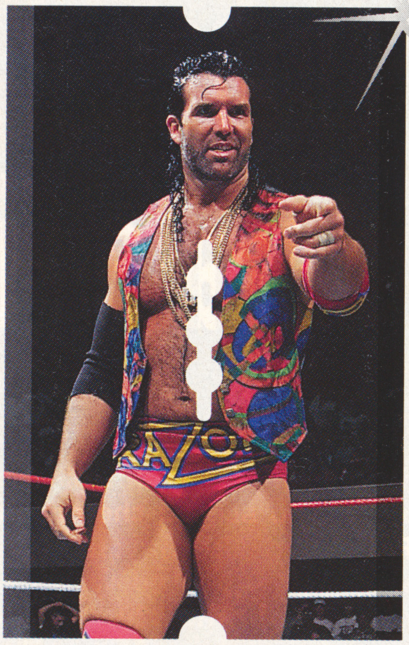
HE LOST!

HOW'S THAT?

QUESTION

Razor Ramon, in the January issue of World Wrestling Federation Magazine, you said that you didn't care whether the fans booed you or they cheered you. Did you really mean to say that?

Ryan Raynor
Richfield, MN



ANSWER

Yo, Ryan, it's like this: It's always nice to have the fans on your side, but either way, the Bad Guy's gotta do what the Bad Guy's gotta do. Remember, I grew up in the gutter with no friends at all. The only one that I could depend on was me, chico! To this day I carry that same philosophy!

question

King Mabel, would you ever consider hiring James E. Cornette as your manager?

Sir Kronstadt • Fairfield, CT

answer

First of all, who knighted you a Sir? Secondly, what do you think King Mabel is—just a showpiece or something, YOUNG SERVANT?! Now, pertaining to your stupid question, even though Mr. James E. Cornette has one of the most brilliant minds in the business today, my man Mo seems to be doing a ROYAL job! By the way, next time mind your own stinkin' business!

Q

Yokozuna, why do you let Owen Hart, your tag team partner, take all the spotlight? Especially when you were tag team partners and he took YOUR belt and put it on HIS shoulder? You are a two-time Federation Champion—you shouldn't take this!!!

Daniel Cafferty
Westbury, NY

A

BANZAI!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: What were you expecting, Dan, an answer?)

ASK BRET

The Hit Man Answers His Fans

Dear Bret,
If you had lost to Diesel at the *Survivor Series*, do you think you would have reacted the same way he did following the bell?

Dan Meyers
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Dear Dan,
I can assure you the answer is: absolutely not. I've lost before, and I'm sure I'll lose again sometime in the future, but I always have kept—and I always will keep—my dignity!

Dear Bret,
Was winning the third World Wrestling Federation Championship Belt any sweeter than winning the first two?

Cindy Adams
Seattle, WA

Dear Cindy,
It's very hard to say. The first time I won was such a glorious moment. The second time, after working so hard to get the title back, I felt as if I had accomplished an extremely difficult task. It was one of the most fulfilling moments for me. The third time... it was like a hammer and a nail, and I was the nail. It was hard to enjoy it. That about says it all.

Dear Bret,
What are your predictions for the World Wrestling Federation in the year 1996?

Amy Gartner
Dover, DE

Dear Amy,
I don't have a crystal ball or anything, but I think that the World Wrestling Federation will show more than ever that it is the premier wrestling organization in the world! The World Wrestling Federation is the only wrestling federation that seems to have a real touch of class, in the sense that we don't lower ourselves to a level that other companies do. We produce a wholesome show that grandparents, grandchildren and the whole family can generally take in. I see a lot of wrestling out there that is EXTREMELY unprofessional—a lot of wrestling organizations that wear "black" hats! In my opinion, the World Wrestling Federation is the only one wearing a "white" hat, and we will never allow the ones who are wearing the "black" hats to take over because the message they sell is a message that—being a parent—I don't want my children to get!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each month, every letter sent in to *Ask Bret* will go directly into a drawing. The winner of that drawing will not only be recognized in this magazine, but he/she will also receive an 8x10 autographed picture of the Hit Man!

THIS MONTH'S WINNER
HOLLY BOWAN
PITTSBURGH, PA

FOR KIDS ONLY

How I Spent My Christmas Holidays.

By Dallas Hart

Hey, readers, how's that for an opening? It's like going back to school in the fall, EH! Well, let's begin by what I got for Christmas. My dad got me the raddest snowboard. It's a K-2. It's a really cool board. I didn't get my awesome skateboard ramp though, but I have until next spring to work on my dad, the champ.

Along with the snowboard, I got a C.O.P. (Canada Olympic Park) pass. It has the coolest hills that I can go boarding on. Snowboarding is great; it feels like flying. My friend Rory has a brother who competed in the World Cup (only in Canada) and got eighth place. My favorite move is a grab (working on it). I want to learn to go off jumps and do 360s. By now, I'm wishing I lived in a place where it constantly snows!

Another one of my gifts was something my dad and his friend Kevin made for us. We now have a huge ice skating rink in our front yard. It took them a week to make the whole thing. The hilarious thing about the rink is that it has a huge dip in it, and it can really send you flying! (The only problem with this is the whole neighborhood wants to skate on it too.) The rink is better than the street to play hockey on. At least you don't have to pick up the nets and yell "car" every 10 minutes. And, speaking of hockey, we've been going to a lot of the Hitmen hockey games lately. They have been doing pretty good—they're in fifth place in the Western Division—not too bad for an expansion team. Also four of the guys have been drafted by the NHL.

Yet, here's another example of what we do over the holidays. When it's too cold to go outside, my friends and I place arcade games. We have Mortal Combat III. My dad won't come downstairs to play it because he is afraid of my wicked tricks and my sly maneuvers. I remain as the champ. My friends can't even get close to beating me. Another stay-indoors thing that I like to do is to go swimming in our pool or have a Jacuzzi with my dad.

The wind is howling, and the snow is blowing like crazy outside, which brings me to an answer you're all probably waiting for: Did we go anywhere for Christmas? Well, no. My dad says that just being at home should be enough of a holiday. I'm thinking, Dad, how can you pass up Hawaii or California for 35-degree-below weather? I guess he must be sick of hotels and hotel food. STAY COOL. KEEP THE FAITH! Till next time, readers.

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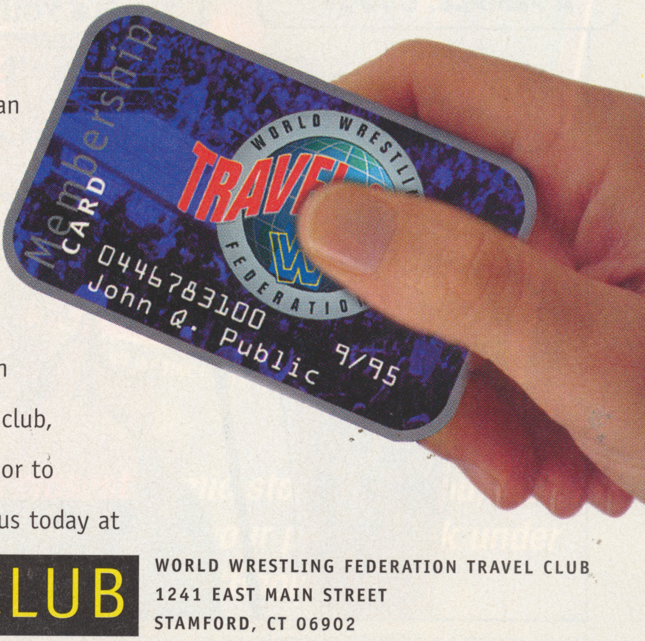

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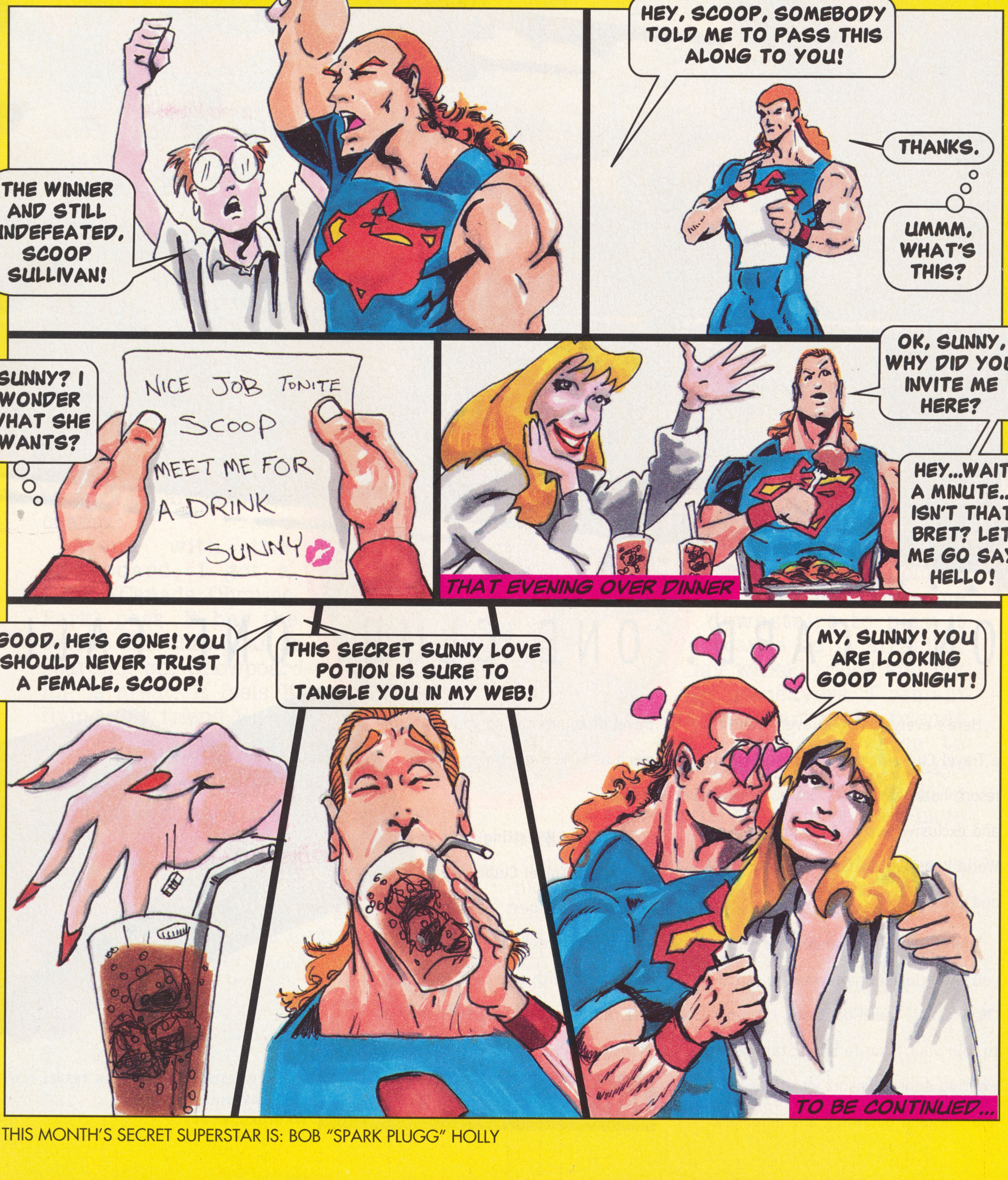
THE WINNER AND STILL UNDEFEATED, SCOOP SULLIVAN!
HEY, SCOOP, SOMEBODY TOLD ME TO PASS THIS ALONG TO YOU!
THANKS.
UMMM, WHAT'S THIS?
SUNNY? I WONDER WHAT SHE WANTS?
NICE JOB TONITE Scoop MEET ME FOR A DRINK SUNNY
OK, SUNNY, WHY DID YOU INVITE ME HERE?
HEY...WAIT A MINUTE... ISN'T THAT BRET? LET ME GO SAY HELLO!
THAT EVENING OVER DINNER
GOOD, HE'S GONE! YOU SHOULD NEVER TRUST A FEMALE, SCOOP!
THIS SECRET SUNNY LOVE POTION IS SURE TO TANGLE YOU IN MY WEB!
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